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Iraq's position
The agenda for the September meeting of nonaligned countries in Baghdad has been fully prepared and the meeting will go on as planned according to the Iraqi ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He commented Tuesday that Iraq has purposely stalemated hopes for peace due to a desire to promote problems in the Middle East. — Page 2

Afghan Army defections
With the Soviet-Afghan offensive against Muslim freedom fighters stalled at Panjsher Valley, Afghan Army regulars are defecting in increasing numbers, say spokesmen for the freedom fighters. — Page 4

Viets' dialogue hope
Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach says he is "very satisfied" with his recent Southeast Asian tour. According to him "the dialogue is now open" with ASEAN. — Page 5

Seychelles gamble
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Suzuki's China trip
The textbook controversy could affect Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki's scheduled visit to Peking, China has already canceled a trip by the Japanese education minister. — Page 16

Saudi-Yemen summit blasts Israel outrage

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — King Fahd and the president of North and South Yemen, Ali Abdullah Saleh and Ali Nasser Muhammad, Tuesday condemned Israel's military invasion of Lebanon and the siege of Beirut. They also strongly condemned the Israeli's barbarous slaughter of Lebanese and Palestinian nationals and the dynamiting, demolition and havoc they wreak on Lebanese cities and villages.

The three leaders, meeting here, reviewed a set of practical and effective measures to oppose Israel and compel it to withdraw from Lebanese territory. They stressed the need to set aside Arab differences and respond to the call of national duty. A press statement released in the morning on the two presidents' visit to Saudi Arabia and talks with Saudi leaders condemned Israel for its refusal to observe a ceasefire, lift the siege of Beirut and totally withdraw from all Lebanese territory. It said the leaders of Saudi Arabia,

Kenya rebels surrender

NAIROBI, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — The more than 2,000 air force men involved in Sunday's attempted coup against Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi have surrendered to the authorities, according to *The Nairobi Times*.

About 100 rebels were killed during Sunday's fighting, according to the newspaper. But observers estimated that the actual number of victims was much higher, with several hundred wounded.

President Moi Tuesday drove through streets of the capital and waved to crowds of people who ventured. But occasional burst of gunfire in the city center continued till late in the afternoon. The government deadline for the remaining rebels to surrender with their weapons expired at midday Tuesday.

Moi said, an official investigation was trying to determine who were the leaders of the abortive coup. Government sources quoted by *The Nation* said the attempt was led by Col. Mwangi, commander of the 58th Air Cavalry Base at Embakasi who was reportedly backed by Kenya Air Force bases at Eastleigh and Nairobi.

It was not known whether the colonel was among the four Kenyans who sought refuge in Tanzania after the coup failed. But the Defense Ministry denied that the 58th Air Cavalry battalion had taken part in the rebellion.

President Moi called on citizens Tuesday to hunt down the rebels. Informed sources said that the rebels, mainly air force enlisted men fleeing in small groups or individually, had scattered in various areas of the capital where occasional sniper fire could be heard. Some of the rebels reportedly have broken into private houses in the Kibera slum area of western Nairobi and elsewhere. Others have been seen discarding their camouflage jackets and blue trousers which identify them as air force personnel before escaping into the surrounding hush. According to sources, over 1,000 air force men have been taken prisoner.

The government, which is enforcing a 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, warned that any rebel still at large would be dealt with ruthlessly.

Moi, requested people to turn in firearms abandoned by escaping rebels, and charged that university students and rebels were behind Sunday's massive looting spree. The University of Nairobi was ordered closed Monday because of alleged student collusion in the uprising.

Eyewitnesses reported that average Kenyans were joined by both rebel and loyal forces following the breakdown of law and order Sunday. "I appeal to the people to hunt down those who are armed and hiding in various places, and not to give them refuge because they are wanted by the government," he said in a special statement broadcast to the nation.

The 58-year-old president described the rebels as "those wishing to destroy people's lives. Because life has been hard for everybody in this short period, we will try and see that life goes back to normal," he added.

Scattered firing was reported in the Kibera shantytown, located in Nairobi's western suburbs, and other areas around the capital. But most sources said the main force behind Sunday's aborted coup by the air force had been crushed.

Three truckloads of corpses was seen leaving Kibera but witnesses could not give the number or positively identify victims. The Nairobi mortuary said 90 bodies have been brought in and other sources put the death toll higher than 110. The number of wounded was reported at more than 500 by hospitals.

Envoy weeps for Beirut

JOUNIEH, Lebanon, Aug. 3 (AP) — Tears welling in his eyes as he looked down the Mediterranean coast at West Beirut, the Canadian Ambassador Theodore J. Arcand said the destruction caused by Israel's land, sea and air bombardment "would make Berlin of 1944 look like a tea party."

Arcand whose government ordered him to leave the city after the destruction of his flat said he and his staff surveyed the city after the fierce Israeli bombardment which lasted from 3 a.m. until 5 p.m. "We saw 55 separate areas that had been hit from the air, sea and land. None of them were Palestinian targets as Israel has claimed," he said. "If a Palestinian person, a man, woman or child, were in the buildings, then I suppose you could call it a Palestinian target but that's not how you or I would define it."

PLO submits new plan on pullout

BEIRUT, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — A demand by Palestinian commanders for an international force to arrive in Beirut before they pull out was the main factor Tuesday in negotiations on staving off an Israeli assault on the city, sources close to the talks said.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan was conveying the position of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to U.S. special envoy Philip Habib. The sources said the PLO was submitting through Wazzan a series of counter-proposals to Habib, who sent the organization his latest evacuation plan Monday.

According to sources in the Lebanese nationalist movement, which is allied to the Palestinians, the American envoy had proposed that the commanders should move out before the international peacekeeping force arrived. As the six-week-old negotiations ground on, eyewitnesses reported steady though not heavy shelling in the southern suburbs of the city marking the front lines between Israeli forces surrounding West Beirut and the PLO.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa said Israeli tanks along the western runway of Beirut airport were firing at the coastal districts of Ouzai and Jnah and the battered Palestinian refugee camp of Bourj Al-Brajneh.

The Israelis seized the airport terminal during a massive bombardment of West Beirut two days ago. Correspondents who visited the southern suburbs Tuesday said the Israelis appeared to be inching forward near the airport. Eyewitnesses also reported Israeli fire from positions in Baabda, the Israeli-controlled town southeast of Beirut where Lebanon's presidential palace is located.

The independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar* said Tuesday that about 200 Israeli tanks had taken up positions on the eastern side of the "green line" that divides Beirut into two. But foreign correspondents in East Beirut were able to find only some 30 Israeli armored vehicles in the area and said any overnight deployment appeared to have been slight.

The dispute over the timing of the arrival of a multinational force has been going on since the idea of the force gained currency last month. The purpose of the force, whose composition has not yet been agreed, would be to cover the PLO evacuation and, in the view of the PLO and Lebanese nationalists, to protect West Beirut from possible Israeli attack.



THIRSTY BEIRUT: An old man drinks water out of a tin can after scooping it up from the hole behind him, while other people fill bottles and containers. The hole was made by an Israeli shell which burst a water pipe. With no electricity to pump water up from the wells residents of West Beirut try to find water any way they can.

King Fahd briefs cabinet

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) The Cabinet met Tuesday evening under King Fahd and reviewed the situation in Lebanon in the light of Israel's invasion and criminal acts against the Lebanese and Palestinian people. It also listened to a number of military and political reports.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the King briefed the Cabinet on his talks with President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen who arrived here Monday evening and left for Damascus Tuesday.

King Fahd hailed the initiative of the two presidents, saying it was a good gesture at such a critical moment in the life of the Arab world. "The time is for action, and all of us know our enemy's conspiracy and the Zionists' unlimited designs," he said.

The King said: "We reviewed the dimensions of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the dangers lying ahead for the Arab and Islamic worlds. We also took up in detail the issue of Beirut and the cutting of all water, food and medical supplies from the civilian population." He added that Israel respected no international decision whatsoever and that it was the responsibility of our peoples to seek the effective means to remedy the situation and stop the destruction and massacres carried out by the Israeli forces.

King Fahd reassured to the two presidents that Saudi Arabia's policy will always remain to unite Arab ranks and join hands with the Arab brothers to help put an end to the invasion.

Reagan annoys Israel press

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (R) — Israeli newspapers reacted with dismay Tuesday to President Reagan's criticism of Israel's latest actions in Beirut.

The Israeli media gave prominence to reports from Washington about growing annoyance with Israeli attacks on West Beirut. President Reagan told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Monday that it was imperative to end what he called the constantly escalating violence in Lebanon.

The two countries have agreed that some 6,000 commandos of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) must leave Beirut. But the U.S. insists that, given more time, the Israeli media gave prominence to reports from Washington about growing annoyance with Israeli attacks on West Beirut. President Reagan told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Monday that it was imperative to end what he called the constantly escalating violence in Lebanon.

Hinckley 'still dangerous'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AFP) — John Hinckley, who shot President Ronald Reagan and three other persons in March 1981, is still dangerous and should remain hospitalized for at least another six months, according to an unreleased report by a panel of psychiatrists.

Anonymous hospital sources disclosed that the report recommended Hinckley should stay interned for the good of society and himself. He has been at St. Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital since June 21, when his trial ended with a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Judge Barrington Parker at that time ordered doctors to submit a report by Aug. 1 on Hinckley's mental health, to determine if he could live in society. They will present their conclusions Wednesday to Judge Parker, who had asked that the report not be made public until after he hears it. If Hinckley remains hospitalized, a new evaluation will be made in six months.

U.K. police blocked probe

LONDON, Aug. 3 (R) — Senior police officers at Scotland Yard obstructed an inquiry into police corruption in London, the man who headed the probe said in a television interview broadcast Monday night.

The inquiry, which cost \$7 million and lasted four years, resulted in two convictions. Arthur Hambleton, an ex-chief constable from the southwestern county of Dorset who headed the inquiry for its first 18 months, said on independent television: "Basically, you may say we were stopped from cleaning up the Yard."

He accused senior officers of obstructing inquiries and the director of public prosecutions, Sir Thomas Hetherington, of failing to support the investigation. The inquiry, codenamed "Operation Countryman," was set up in 1978 to investigate allegations that London detectives were receiving money from criminals.

Hambleton's claims were backed by another former chief constable, John Alderson of Devon and Cornwall, who said he believed the inquiry was ended because the scale of the alleged corruption was embarrassing to the government. The two men's serious allegations immediately prompted a political storm and one opposition Labor Party parliamentarian demanded that parliament be recalled from its summer recess for a debate.

Scotland Yard reacted angrily to the television interviews and issued a statement saying that "to condemn a class on uncorroborated evidence is less than natural justice." The television commentator said that, by June 1979, "Operation Countryman" had listed 62 officers, including three commanders and nine detective chief superintendents, whom it believed to be corrupt.

A few months later, the investigation was wound down and Scotland Yard took effective control over inquiries into its own officers. Only two detectives were convicted.

Hambleton said the commissioner of the metropolitan police, Sir David McNee, had been helpful but others had not. "I mean the senior officers under him. Frankly 'Countryman' was obstructed." He said his inquiry had heard allegations that top London criminals had paid tens of thousands of dollars to Scotland Yard detectives. "It was even said that some detectives have planned robberies," he added.

Alderson said of corruption in the London police: "I think it has just become for some of them a way of life."

Mishap victims buried

CREPEY-EN-VALOIS, France Aug. 3 (AFP) — The 44 Crepey-en-Valois children burned to death in last Friday's multiple highway collision near Beaune were buried here Tuesday. The accident, the worst highway tragedy in French history, bereaved 19 families in this town of 11,000 inhabitants, situated 60 kms north of Paris.

The coach was one of two heading for a holiday camp at the French Alpine village of Aussois. For many of the children, it would have been their first holiday ever.

Bank robbery stuns Britain

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP) — In what police said Tuesday was a masterly "professional" crime, thieves raided the safe deposit boxes at a major London bank and escaped with a major haul over the weekend.

After rifling the strongroom at Lloyds Bank, Holborn, near the city's Hatton Garden Jewelry District, the raiders slammed the door and it jammed. The theft was discovered when experts finally gained access to the strongroom Tuesday by making a hole in the wall.

"The indications at the moment are that the thieves entered through the front door," said detective chief superintendent Barry Tarbun of the City of London Police. "All the evidence suggests this was a very professionally-carried out crime."

The Standard, London's evening newspaper, said 120 safe deposit boxes were cleaned out in the raid which it called reminiscent of the \$10 million theft from a bank in NICE on the French Riviera six years ago.

An alarm summoned police to the bank Sunday but there was no trace of the thieves — only a jammed strongroom door. "The total value of the haul could be very large," one officer said.

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Iraqi ambassador says

Nonaligned conference draft ready; peace initiatives stalled by Iranians

By Munir Muhammad
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Iraqi representatives to the Nonaligned Summit have already drafted final resolutions for the meetings and they will take place as scheduled, in September in Baghdad, according to Iraqi Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Shafiq Al-Daragi. The ambassador, during a press conference here, also commented on King Fahd's statement, saying it was "timely, clear and sincere."

Commenting on Iranian and Syrian attempts to postpone or transfer the summit from Baghdad, Daragi said their drive failed because it was based on self-interest and neglected everyone's over-all welfare.

"In order for such a summit to be successful, the preparations made by Iraq are necessary," Daragi said. "The final resolutions were drafted after consultations with various

members. It is customary for these resolutions to be drafted by the host country and then the final say is reserved for conference participants."

Daragi said the summit is viewed as an important conference for the peace and stability of the world.

Asked about the Iraq-Iran conflict, the ambassador stressed that Iraq's decision to withdraw from Iranian territories back to the international borders was by no means a military weakness.

"We wanted to give Iran a chance for peaceful negotiations," he said.

Also, Iraq cared for its human and material losses and avoided unnecessary damage, while Iran, on the contrary, sent its people, from 12-year-old children to old men, to their death, Daragi said.

He noted that Iran's war repatriation demands during that time never happened after the "Nine War II."

"Will Israel compensate Lebanon for the destruction it is doing now?" he said. However, Iraq accepted this condition provided that an Islamic or international body determines the party which began the now 22-month-old war, the ambassador said.

Iraq agreed that a meeting will be held in Jeddah between Iraqi and Iranian officials as proposed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). The meeting was supposed to take place last month, but Iran refused, according to the ambassador who said his country was prepared to hold the meeting at any level.

Iran is only interested in "exporting revolution or anarchy," Daragi said. He accused Iranian authorities of not wanting peace. "They are engaged in an armed conflict with Iraq and they still threaten other Arab Gulf states," he said.

Syria, he went on, claimed that it supported Iran because Iraq was the aggressor. "They (Syrians) were saying that if Iraq withdraws to the international borders, they would not allow Iran to thrust into Iraqi territories. We withdrew and Iran has crossed the borders. The war is going on inside Iraqi territories and the Syrian position has not changed," Daragi said.

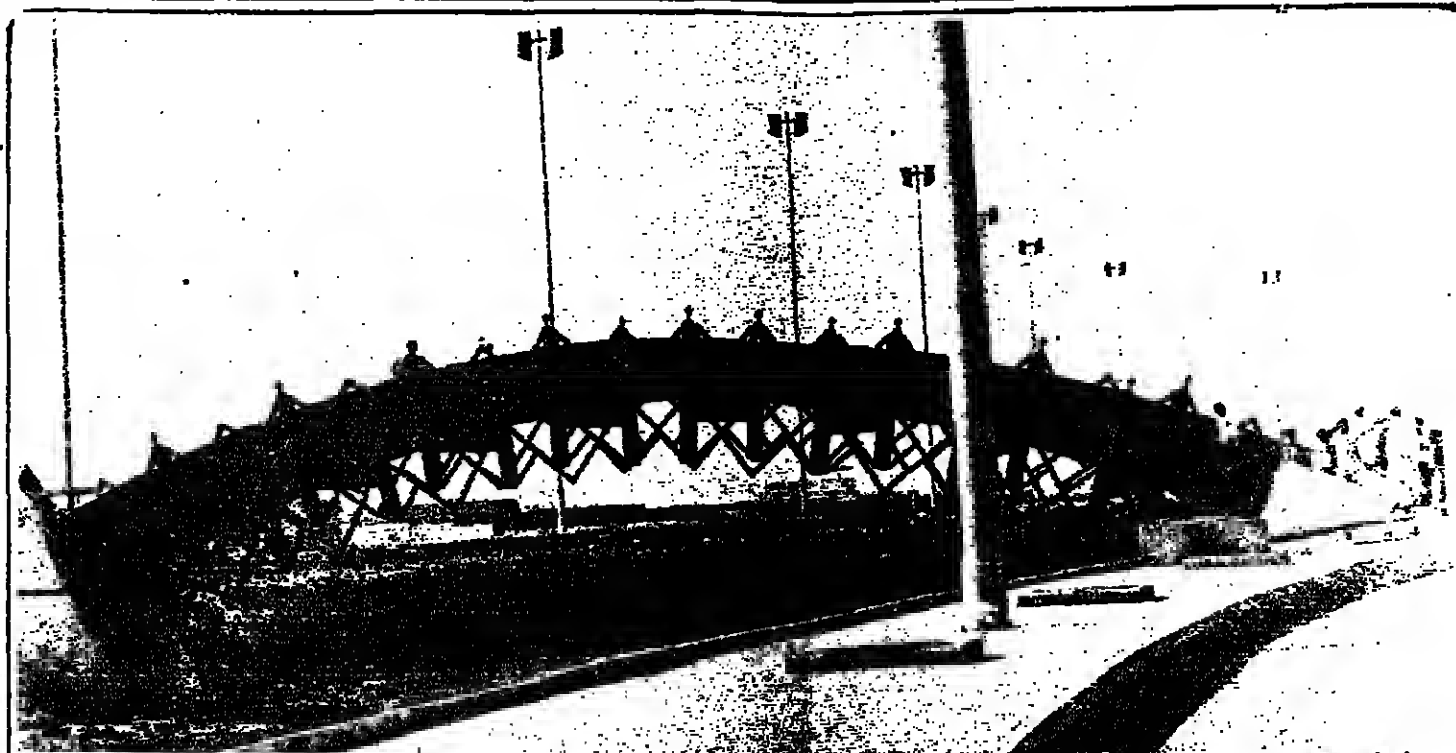
"We want an Islamic arbitration body to be formed and decide who began the aggression. But, we set the condition that its decisions should be enforced and the aggressor should be made to pay the war reparations. The party which refuses to implement the decisions should be penalized collectively while the other party be supported," he said.

He criticized Arab dissension "for which Arab countries alone are to blame." Individual differences and some country's favoring of their self benefits over the Arab nation's interests are the causes of dissension and weakness, according to the Iraqi ambassador. "Arabs should be honest and deal with realities to achieve unity," he said.

Indian pilgrims arrive

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — The first ship carrying pilgrims from India will reach here Wednesday. At the Jeddah Islamic Port, Indian Ambassador T.T.P. Abdullah will welcome the pilgrims at 9.30 a.m. at the port.

Have information about local news? Important upcoming events? Contributors with information about local news or stories of local interest should contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



BRIDGE TO NOWHERE: Construction is progressing carefully on this ornate wooden bridge located on the north end of the Corniche near the new Jeddah Al-Bilal Hotel. The bridge joins the parks, sculptures and works of art along the Corniche and links the left side of the road with the right for pedestrian use.

Yamani outlines Saudi plans, development

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Plans for future development in Saudi Arabia were outlined Tuesday by Information Minister Dr. Mohammed Abdo Yamani. He discussed general policy and called on the citizens to shoulder their responsibilities in the interest of the country's development and progress.

In an interview with *Al-Madina*, Dr. Yamani said a comprehensive working program endorsed by King Fahd was directed toward

a fair distribution of development projects to "include every village and hamlet in the Kingdom."

He discussed at length King Fahd's Al-Fitr feast address which clearly set guidelines for the Kingdom's domestic and foreign policies.

The information minister hailed King Fahd's concern to develop manpower, ensure welfare and provide training facilities to realize the Saudi Arabian people's "aspirations and hopes."

Dr. Yamani highlighted the Kingdom's decision to spend more on the spread of education throughout the Kingdom and lauded the positive contribution of the Kingdom's universities, schools and technical institutes in preparing and training Saudi Arabian youth to play a constructive role in the country's development process.

He noted that Saudi Arabia had covered a long way the industrialization of the country to boost its national economy and diversify its income.

Dr. Yamani referred to the Kingdom's liberal policy and efforts to encourage national industries and protect them against foreign competition. He said the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) offered long-term and interest-free loans to industrial projects under construction or to those industries which required modernization.

Dr. Yamani praised the government's interest in developing agriculture in the country and its keenness to achieve self-sufficiency in food grains and other agricultural products. He said the government was offering liberal subsidies to farmers, and date

palm growers.

The information minister said to ensure a green revolution in the Kingdom, the government had dug hundreds of wells, built dams and macadamized thousands of kilometers of roads.

He lauded the government's trade policy which he said had effectively helped in making available foodstuffs at moderate prices.

Moroccan minister urges Arab unity

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Moroccan Foreign Affairs Minister Muhammad Boucetta said his visit to Saudi Arabia was part of Saudi-Moroccan joint efforts to "serve the interests of the Arab and Islamic world."

In an interview Tuesday with *Al-Bilad*, Boucetta said Palestinians in Lebanon had demonstrated "brave courage against the Zionist enemy which had violated all international charters in a bid to liquidate the Palestinian people."

He called on the international community to "stop the massacres in Lebanon, particularly after the Israeli violation of all international humanitarian principles."

Boucetta expressed hope that all Arab states would be "aware of the dimension of the conspiracy against their interest and unity."

The Moroccan minister left Jeddah Monday after delivering a written message from King Hassan to King Fahd.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:27	12:28	12:29	12:30	12:40	12:40
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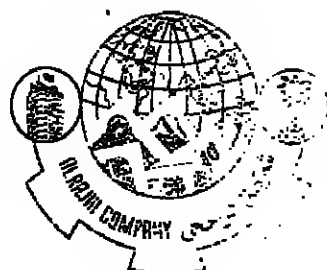
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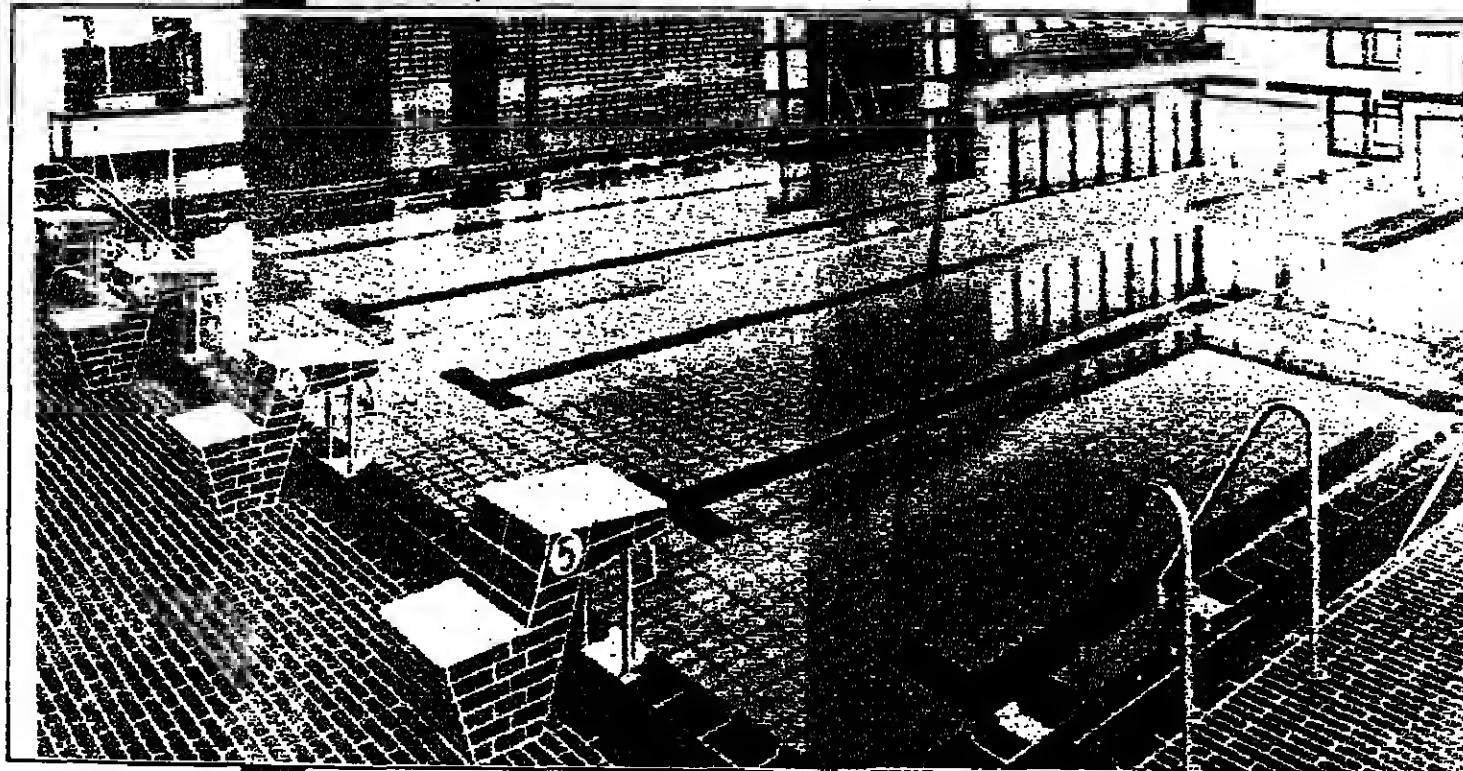
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UPM specialists study control of moving sand

DHAHRAN, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Scientific studies and a comprehensive survey on the relations of the movement of sand to weather conditions are now underway here. The studies, being carried out by the University of Petroleum and Minerals' Research Institute, will identify areas of sand concentration and

Guinea receives \$10m IDB loan

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — A \$10 million loan agreement was signed here between the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank and the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea. IDB participates, through the loan, in financing a road project in the southern part of Guinea.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and Guinean Ambassador to the Kingdom Mammad Saleo Sila signed the agreement.

Leaders link media, security

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — A scientific symposium on security responsibilities of media sources in Arab countries will be held Aug. 15-17 in Taif. The meetings were organized by the Arab Security Studies and Training Center of Riyadh and will be held under the auspices of Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

A group of well-known security and media

Aug. 14 deadline is set by center for registration

DAMMAM, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Damman's vocational training center — an offshoot of the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training — has set Aug. 14 as the final date for the acceptance of applications to join the ninth training course at its commercial and industrial center. It was announced Tuesday.

During the ten-month course, the trainees are taught welding, electricity, mechanics, carpentry and other skills at the industrial section. The commercial students are taught accountancy, business and typewriting. Courses in the industrial section are confined to Saudi Arabians aged between 14 and 17 and having read their studies until at least the fourth primary year. The commercial section will accept candidates who are between 14 and 30 years of age, having accomplished at least the fifth primary year.

after completing the studies draw up solutions to prevent sand from moving onto roads, railroads, farms and residential complexes.

The institute's director, Dr. Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, said the studies goal is to collect detailed information on the patterns of movements of sand in the Jafourah Desert on the western coast of the Arabian Gulf.

"These regions are considered as the location of some of the highest winds in the world," says Dabbagh, "therefore, mechanical barriers have been developed to check the progress of the sands and stabilize them in various parts of the desert."

He said this method will help determine directions of sand movement, its force and size. "This information will then be analyzed and compared to data collected by the institute through wind speed measurement stations," Dr. Dabbagh adds. The results will be used for reaching appropriate solutions for the problems of the encroachment of sand, he said.

leaders from the Arab world will attend the symposium. Scientific supervision will be handled by Dr. Abdul Majeed Mansour, a professor from King Saud University; while Khaled Abdullah Al-Rashoud, of the center's seminars department, will be in charge of administration.

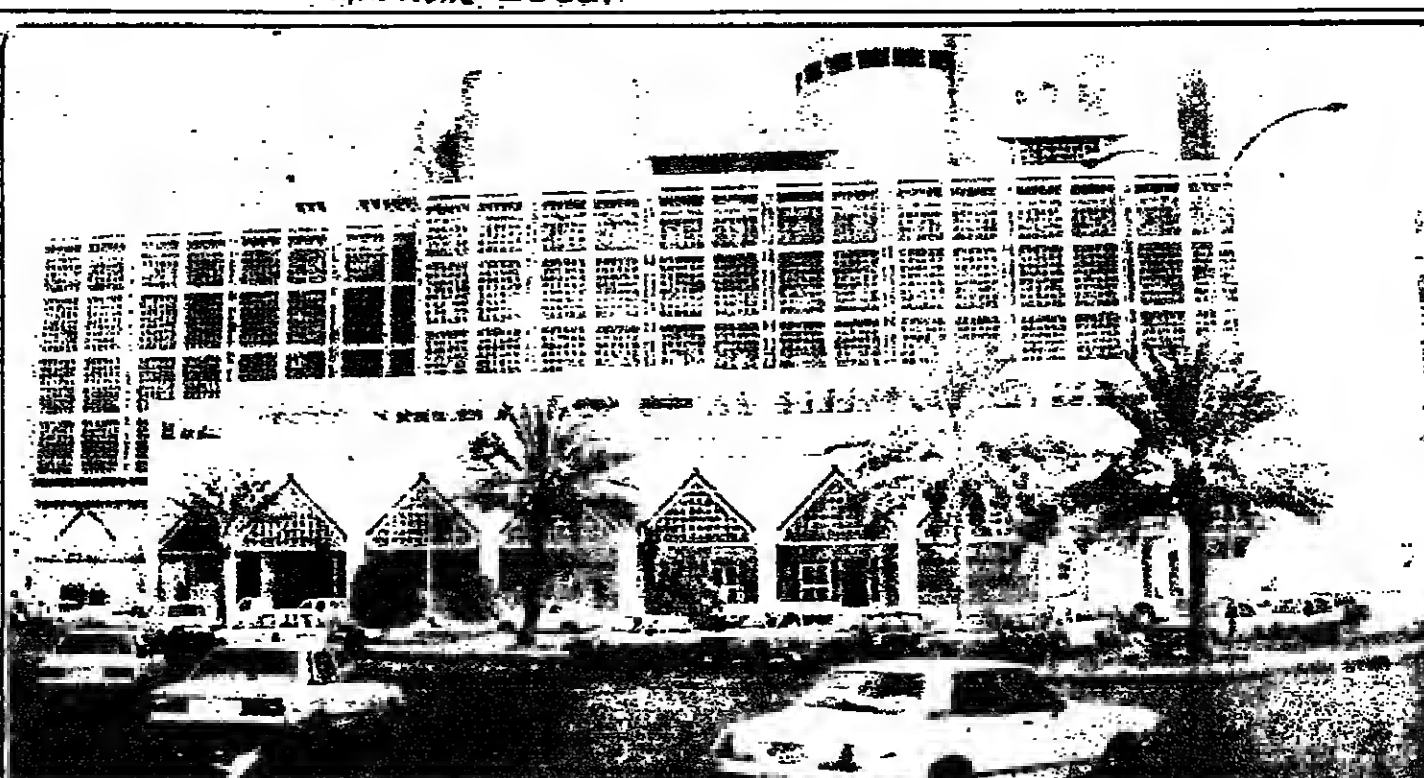
This is the fourth symposium to be organized by the center. It aims at ensuring exchange of expertise, promotion and cooperation among security and media men in Arab countries to develop awareness of security responsibilities and social restrictions.

Youth project receives funds

TAIF, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Donations totaling SR470,000 were received here Tuesday for a project for handicapped children. The donation was announced by Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, who is the project's director.

Technical studies for the project, to be located in Riyadh, have already been completed. An international company was awarded a contract to manage the project using the latest scientific methods. The company also will supervise the construction and technical aspects of the project. Work is expected to begin by the end of this year.

Dr. Algosabi thanked the donors, among whom were Muhammad and Abdullah Ibrahim Al-Subaie who jointly gave SR400,000.



NEW LANDMARK: Riyadh Postal Headquarters on Airport Road opposite the Ministry of Finance and National Economy houses the director general's office, regional office and central post office.

Service emphasized at postal center

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Aug. 3 — There is a new landmark now on Airport Road opposite the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the imposing SR450 million, six-story marble postal headquarters housing the director general's office, regional office and Riyadh Central Post Office.

The new building is the center of many new facilities for the general public. There are separate postal boxes for countries which receive a large volume of mail and 24 counters for issuing stamps, accepting registered letters and telegrams.

Parcels are taken care of in the basement

where they are received and delivered, a mechanical parcel sorting machine has already been installed and is expected to be in operation within a week. The postal sorting machine is expected to be installed three months from now, with a computer section added to the post office during the next two months.

Assistant Director General Abdul Hadi Habshi said the total area of the postal complex is about 21,000 square meters and total building area is approximately 105,000 square meters. It has six stories above the ground and three below. The basement has a parking area for 850 cars, with workshop, storeroom and other

facilities. In addition to the office of the director general, the complex contains offices for planning, training, budget, inspection, transport, personnel and purchasing. The total workforce in the complex is about 4,000 including 500 students. The postal training center has all the latest facilities including TV and has a special English class.

According to Habshi, similar new buildings have been constructed in Jeddah and Dammam as well, with regional headquarters, central post office, training school and mechanical sorting machines. These new facilities will be operational in the next couple of months.

Downtown hotel plans arcade, new facilities

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Banquet, conference and convention facilities, along with a deluxe shopping arcade, are included in new construction plans which will be undertaken soon at the Red Sea Palace Hotel. Guest services will be emphasized throughout the hotel, according to a spokesman, and in line with this goal, facilities are now available which make it easy for customers to make worldwide hotel reservations with one phone call.

One of the additions planned at the hotel will be a new luxuriously appointed banquet/conference room that will provide for the entertainment of as many as 750 persons during a reception. It will seat 250 for dinners. The area can also be transformed into four private function rooms by using

movable, sound-proof partitions. The hotel also plans to offer modern convention facilities and services.

Plans for a deluxe shopping arcade include the construction of a pizzeria, gourmet take-out shop, bookstore and fine boutiques, shops and services.

The Red Sea Palace overlooks the Al Manaqabah Lagoon in the center of Jeddah's financial and commercial area.

The Stunning focal point of the lobby area is a traditional Arabic mural which uses a geometric pattern set against the many colors of the Red Sea, it incorporates more than 160,000 individual hand-applied pieces. Many examples of artifacts from the Arab world can be found elsewhere in the hotel.

The Red Sea Palace offers two world-wide hotel reservations services for guests who are abroad and plan to stay in Jeddah, and for local travelers who want to make reservations at a selection of foreign hotels. Through Hotel Representatives Inc. (HRI) and the Steinberger Reservations Service the hotel is linked into reservations and confirmation services.

Mosque bid packages to be awarded soon

DAMMAM, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Bid packages were opened recently for SR15.5 million worth of projects involving the construction and renovation of mosques in the Eastern Province.

Self Ibrahim Al-Seif, Eastern Province

Conditions for pilgrim visas eased

SINGAPORE, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Muslims going to Makkah for their Haj pilgrimage in September can now fly from Singapore on any airline of their choice, following a relaxation of visa requirements, the *Straits Times* reported Saturday.

The Saudi Arabian Embassy had previously said visas would not be issued to Muslim pilgrims unless they held confirmed return

tickets with either Singapore Airlines or Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national airline.

The visa ruling was then described as part of the Saudi Arabian government's plan to help pilgrims avoid "unnecessary hardships and inconvenience".

It would have affected some 3,000 to 4,000 Singapore pilgrims who were planning to go to Makkah this year on other airlines.

Some 2,500 people from Singapore are expected to make the Makkah trip next month using China Airlines, Bangladesh Airlines, Pakistan Airlines and Royal Jordanian Airlines.

241 preachers are approved for Haj service

TAIF, Aug. 3 (SPA) — Royal approval has been given for 241 preachers to participate in the Islamic guidance program during the upcoming pilgrimage (Haj) season. According to Sheikh Jaber Muhammad Madkhali, Islamic pilgrimage guidance secretary-general, said recently that 172 of the preachers are from the Kingdom while the remaining 69 come from other countries.

Sheikh Madkhali added that 50 students from local universities have been nominated to act as translators for pilgrims from their countries. The preachers and interpreters, when pilgrims begin to arrive will be stationed in guidance centers at the Kingdom's land, sea and air inlets, pilgrim cities, the Holy Harams in Makkah and Madinah with *mutawifin* (pilgrim guides) and with mobile centers.

endowments and mosques department director general, said recently that more mosque projects have been allocated for the area. The department's technical division is studying and analyzing several bids for which contracts will be awarded shortly. Self added.

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With Soviet-backed offensive stalled at Panjsher Valley

Afghan army defections increasing

PESHAWAR, Aug. 3 (AP) — Afghan army regulars are defecting in growing numbers now that the Soviet-assisted government offensive against Muslim freedom fighters has stalled at strategic Panjsher Valley, fighters' spokesmen say.

Muhammad es-Haq, spokesman for the Jamiat Islami Afghan fighter group in Peshawar, said about 300 Afghan army regulars have defected in the last two weeks.

The Soviet-Afghan offensive began in mid-May in an effort to take control of the valley, 112 kms north of Kabul, the Afghan capital. The fighters reportedly held out, inflicting heavy losses on their enemy. The

fighting has subsided since.

Two men identified as army defectors came here recently, saying they had fled with 19 other colleagues of the 81st Division, bringing with them their Kalashnikov automatic assault rifles, one heavy machine gun and radios.

"The food was lousy but we had plenty of ammunition," said one of the men, who identified himself as Abdul Rahman. "We had so much ammunition we were burying crates of it in the ground."

"The food was so bad that we subsisted on just a small piece of bread each day," added Rahman, whose comments were translated from Dari, an Afghan dialect.

Gandhi calls for Soviet pullout

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said that foreign troops must be withdrawn from Afghanistan and she declared that India would never attack its neighbor, Pakistan.

In a speech prepared for delivery to more than 2,000 members of the Foreign Press Association Monday, Mrs. Gandhi said India shared the concern expressed in the United States over the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

"Our position has been made clear publicly and privately, through diplomatic channels and at the personal level, that foreign troops from Afghanistan should be withdrawn," she said. "At the same time we are aware of other interferences there. This must also be taken into account," she said. "There is no alternative to a political settlement which will take into account the concerns of all the parties involved."

On China and Pakistan, Mrs. Gandhi stressed that India wanted only relation-

ships of trust and amity. She recalled that Pakistan had rebuffed chances in the past to sign a no-war pact with India but said it had now come forward to accept such a proposal.

"We are ready to take it up once more," she said. "In fact, I have publicly affirmed that, pact or no pact, India will not attack Pakistan."

Mrs. Gandhi, who arrived in Los Angeles Monday night, said she had proposed a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation with Pakistan which would include non-aggression commitments and mechanisms to resolve all differences by bilateral negotiations.

Referring generally to the world situation, she said: "Our region is being endangered by the introduction of new sophisticated arms, and the Indian Ocean is still with intense naval activity. The cold war is closing in on us."

Karmal decrees tough draft rules

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3 (AFP) — The Soviet-backed Afghan regime has announced the toughest draft rules in the country's history, making military service compulsory for all men up to the age of 35 and increasing the conscription period from the current two years to three years.

The decision to increase the period of compulsory service in the army, taken last month by the ruling Communist Party and the cabinet, was decreed Monday by President Babrak Karmal.

He said the move was aimed at restoring

"total peace in the country and preserve the national sovereignty threatened by foreign intervention in Afghanistan," Radio Kabul reported in a broadcast monitored here.

Under the amended rules, reservists not over 39 years of age will also be called for military service for two years, the radiosaid. Similarly, those who were discharged before 1977 — the year of the first Marxist coup in Afghanistan — and who are under 36 years old will be drafted for another two years, it said.

into English by an interpreter for the Jamiat Islami group, which said it was giving him shelter.

"We couldn't even brew tea because smoke from the fires would have given our positions away," he said, adding that he was under attack from the Mujahedeen, or Islamic holy warriors as the Muslim fighters call themselves, for the entire two weeks he was stationed at Panjsher Valley.

In an interview with the Associated Press, he said his unit decided after six weeks of fighting in Afghanistan it was better to risk being executed by the freedom fighters than to stay where they were. "We were told we would be mutilated and then killed if we were caught," he said.

Abdul Rahman who gave his age at 39, said he was drafted into the regular army in mid-June, rounded up at dawn with 43 others from his village at Adrasan and flown by transport plane to Jalalabad, in Nangarhar province (state) bordering Pakistan. He said an estimated 1,000 Soviet troops are garrisoned there.

He said he received rudimentary military training there, and was taught how to lob hand grenades and fire a gun.

After the 12-day course, they donned grey uniforms and were flown by helicopter to Bagram, the biggest Soviet military installation in Afghanistan just north of Kabul and then on to Bagram, one of four positions occupied by Soviet troops on the Panjsher Valley floor.

"For five days there was no fighting," he said. "But on the sixth, the Mujahedeen attacked and we retreated to Rokha" near the mouth of the gorge. Disenchantment set in, and finally the officer in charge, a captain, stood up and asked the unit if any soldiers wished to flee.

"We were very suspicious. We thought he was trying to fool us so that he could report us," he said. But a group of 22 stepped forward. One of them, however, was killed in crossfire as they made their escape, he said.

Rahman estimated that 10 or 15 Afghan soldiers a day were slipping away during the month-long offensive at Panjsher, which began May 15. Desertions and defections since the 1979 Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan have wracked the Afghan army, reducing its strength from 90,000 to about 35,000, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.



HOMELESS: An elderly Palestinian refugee wanders through the Sabra area in West Beirut Monday amid extensive destruction caused by the 14-hour land, sea and artillery bombardment handed out by the Israeli forces on Sunday.

Beirut assault will damage links, Egypt warns Israel

PARIS, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Tuesday warned that Egyptian-Israeli relations would suffer if Israel staged a final assault against West Beirut. In an interview here with the daily *Le Monde*, Ali said: "If Beirut is taken by storm, I don't see how we could continue to maintain normal diplomatic relations with Israel."

The minister, who held a 30-minute meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand Tuesday, said that moves to "normalize" ties between Egypt and Israel had been "99 percent frozen" since Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Talks on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied Arab territories were also suspended, he said, as the Israelis contended that "autonomy is an end in itself" while Egypt believes "it must rapidly lead to a Palestinian state."

Ali said that the Lebanese crisis was at the

top of the agenda of talks with Mitterrand Tuesday, but added that he was pessimistic as to a speedy solution of the conflict. "The major problem is to obtain that Israel respects the West Beirut ceasefire," he said, adding that "the United States faces a heavy task in this respect."

Egyptian sources here said Ali's 48-hour visit to France, ending Tuesday, was part of ongoing consultations between Cairo and Paris following their co-sponsorship of a draft United Nations Security Council resolution prepared last week. The joint draft resolution is aimed at resolving the Lebanese crisis and establishing recognition for the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

But France and Egypt have delayed submission of the draft to avoid a U.S. veto in Security Council debates as Washington continues to oppose moves to recognize Palestinian rights.

Curfew lifted in Ankara, 9 provinces

ANKARA, Aug. 3 (R) — Curfews imposed after the military takeover in 1980 were lifted Monday in Ankara and nine other Turkish provinces, leaving only nine of the country's 67 provinces with a curfew still in force.

Martial law authorities said the two to five

a.m. restriction in the capital was lifted from Tuesday along with similar curfews in the southeastern provinces of Diyarbakir, Urfa, Mardin, Siirt, Hakkari and Van. In the provinces of Erzurum, Amasya and Corum, free movement was allowed from Monday, the authorities said.

Siad Barre tells party congress

Ethiopian raids on Somalia continue

MOGADISHU, Aug. 3 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre Tuesday opened the second congress of Somalia's sole political organization, the Socialist Revolutionary Party, one month after fighting broke out along the Somali-Ethiopian border. Siad Barre, who is also party secretary-general, hit out at what he called Ethiopia's incessant attack on Somalia, which he said were continuing, the Somali news agency SONNA reported.

Rebels of the Somali Salvation Democratic Front (SSDF) based in Ethiopia claim responsibility for the attacks in the Somalia border region.

However, in his speech to the three-day congress, Siad Barre did not give details of the fighting, according to the report. "Confrontation has now been internationalized and made more complex by the presence of foreign forces called into the region by the Addis

Ababa regime, which was under pressure from various freedom fighters," he said.

The president was apparently referring to Soviet bloc and Cuban support for the regime in Addis Ababa. Siad Barre said Somalia had taken the initiative in seeking a peaceful solution, but that Ethiopia had continued to be intransigent. "We remind the Addis Ababa regime that the door is still open," he added.

The president repeated that Somalia would not attend the Organization of African Unity summit scheduled to open in Tripoli on Thursday, noting that his country broke off diplomatic relations with Libya in August last year.

The Somali leader also condemned the Israeli offensive in Lebanon and called on Iran and Iraq to end their 22-month-old war which he said has "serious consequences for the Islamic world."

BRIEFS

LAHORE. (AFP) — A car-bomb exploded in the public parking lot of Lahore airport late Monday night wounding five persons and causing extensive damage, the Pakistani news agency APP reported Tuesday. The blast occurred 15 minutes after a Pakistan International Airlines flight had left for Karachi.

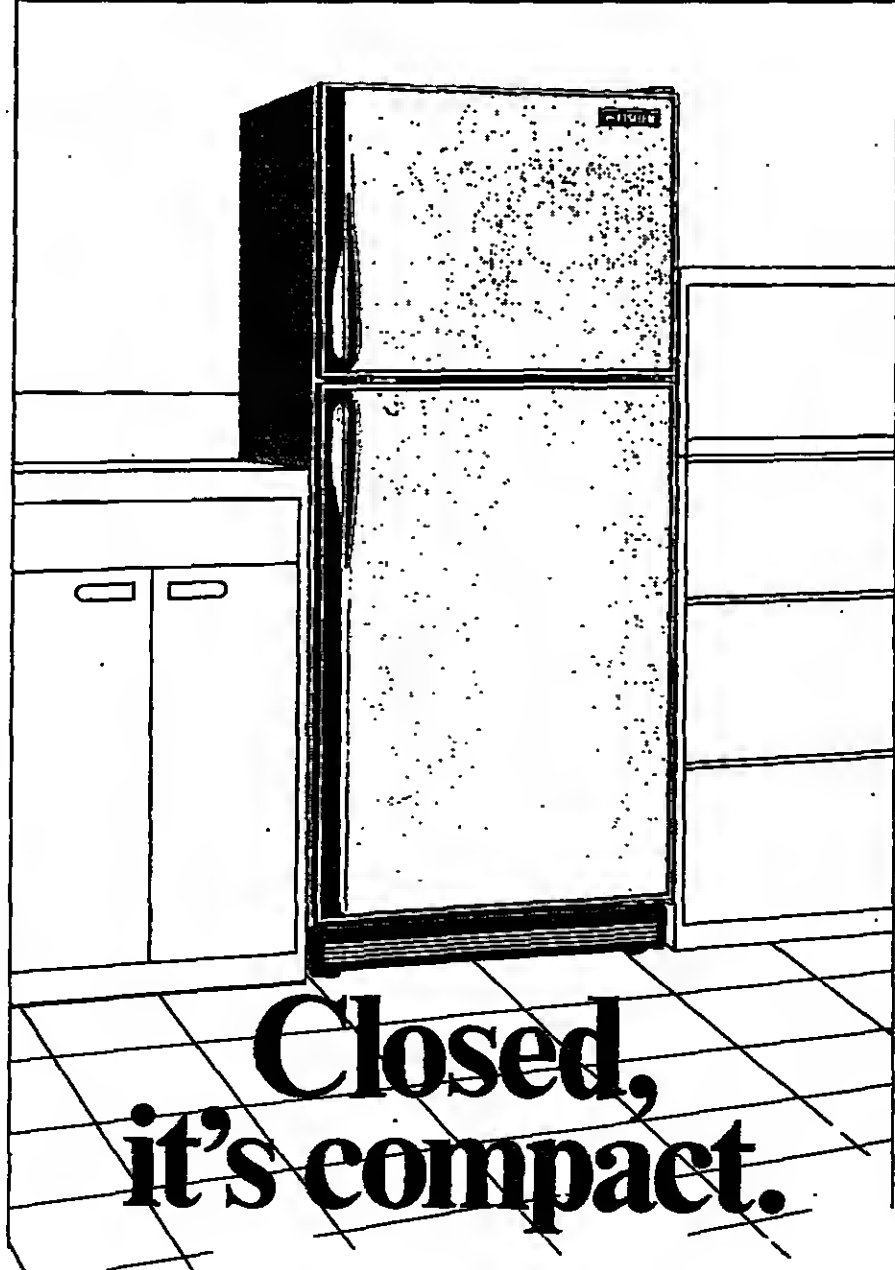
BUCHAREST. (AP) — Sudanese President Jaafar Muhammad Numeiri arrived here Tuesday on an official three-day visit at the invitation of Romanian President and Communist Party Chief Nicolae Ceausescu.

BEIRUT. (AP) — The kidnapping of the American University's acting president entered its second week with no news on the

whereabouts or welfare of the missing man, a university official said Tuesday. The official, who did not want to be named, said there had been no direct or indirect contact with 58-year-old David Stuart Dodge II or his abductors.

TEL AVIV. (AFP) — Israeli opposition Labor leader Shimon Peres left for Washington Tuesday to publicize points of agreement between the Israeli government and opposition on the war in Lebanon.

MOSCOW. (R) — The foreign ministers of Cuba and Nicaragua arrived in Moscow Tuesday on a visit which the Soviet news agency Tass connected with the Lebanon crisis.



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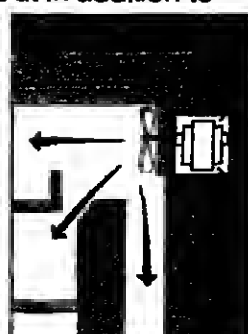
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With neighbors

Viets feel 'dialogue now open'

HANOI, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said he was "very satisfied" with his recent Southeast Asian tour, and that "the dialogue is now open" with Hanoi's non-Communist regional neighbors.

In an exclusive interview with Agence France Presse, Thach said both he and his Thai counterpart Sitti Sawetasil had been "surprised" by the results of their talks, neither of them having expected anything "so good."

Thach visited Burma and three Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries — Singapore, Malaysia

and Thailand — between July 18 and 30. He is to visit the remaining two ASEAN members, Indonesia and the Philippines, in October. His trip followed an announced partial withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia coupled with Indochinese proposals for a "security zone" on the Thai-Cambodian border and an international conference on Southeast Asia.

"My visit to Thailand was successful in the sense that we established a measure of detente and dialogue. Before, there was no dialogue," Thach said. "Now the Thai foreign minister has agreed to visit Vietnam," he added. "Moreover, we have come to the

agreement that even if we cannot do anything to improve peace and stability, at least we can refrain from worsening the situation."

The Vietnamese minister indicated that he and his hosts had not touched on "concrete" problems, but had established principles. "That's already a lot," he said. ASEAN has been pressing for the withdrawal of over 150,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia defending the Heng Samrin government installed in Phnom Penh with Hanoi's help in January, 1979.

But Vietnam claims it must keep its forces there to counter a threat from China. ASEAN supports the recently formed anti-Vietnamese Cambodian coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, which Hanoi dismisses as a "farce."

Thach said that during his talks, "we agreed that the problems between ASEAN and the Indochinese countries must be solved while respecting mutual interests. Nothing must be imposed against the will of either of the two sides."

"If the Indochinese countries respond to ASEAN's legitimate interests, meaning the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, the ASEAN countries must also take into account the legitimate interests of the Indochinese countries, meaning an end to the Chinese threat," Thach said.

Thach said he hoped Marshal Sihanouk might be able to influence China which backs the Khmer Rouge government ousted by the Vietnamese from Phnom Penh.

Asked about a recent meeting in Hanoi between Vice Foreign Minister Vo Dong Giang and Chinese Ambassador Liu Lixing, Thach said such contacts had already previously taken place and that he himself had met with the Chinese ambassador. "But nobody knew about it, that's all," he said.

He was asked about the possibility that China might soften its position toward Hanoi, which has asked Peking to sign a peace treaty in return for a total Vietnamese troops withdrawal from Cambodia.

Thach replied, "one can never foresee the sudden changes in Chinese policy. There are always surprises in China. China is a big box of surprises."

As an example of the common points shared by the ASEAN and Indochinese countries, Thach said, "the ASEAN countries are calling for the neutralization of Cambodia, and the Indochinese countries are calling for the same for the whole Southeast Asian region." "But if we can agree on a neutralization of all of Southeast Asia, that would certainly include Cambodia," he said.

Another very positive development in the minister's view was that the countries he visited agreed that commercial relations should exist between private companies and Vietnam. "This is a good thing," he said. "There is no longer question of blockades."

"to give the decent people of Bermondsey a chance to express their views."

"I am very sad to leave after 55 years membership of the party which I have worked for and loved. It is a tragedy," Mellish said. Describing the local labor chapter in Bermondsey as "a Mafia," he added "the Labor movement in London, of which I was chairman for 21 years, is in a terrible mess and the tolerance of yesterday has gone."

It was the most serious blow to Labor ranks since former Labor cabinet ministers Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams, David Owen and William Rodgers formed the centrist Social Democratic Party in March 1981, taking other Labor moderates with them. Mellish is the 28th member of the Commons to quit the Labor Party since the SDP was formed.

It added that failure of U.S. allies to respect a 1979 decision hiking their NATO contributions by three percent could be interpreted by Moscow as a breakdown in the collective determination of the Atlantic alliance.

According to the report, the funds are necessary in part to protect Western interests in the Gulf oil region. "The United States cannot do it alone," it said. "The U.S. Congress and the general public would not tolerate this." The Times commented that the report would probably give more weight to the arguments of congressional critics who have opposed recent huge increases in the U.S. defense budget at a time when the Reagan administration has been forging ahead with drastic reductions in public spending.

Labor MP quits party

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP) — Robert Mellish, one of the best-known members of the Labor Party opposition in the House of Commons, quit the party Monday after a bitter fight with left wingers in his south London district of Bermondsey.

"It is not the Labor Party I joined and worked for. Today, it has hit-lists of decent men and women," said Mellish, 69, a Labor lawmaker for 37 years and chief whip in charge of Commons business from 1974-1976 under Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Mellish, one of the old school Laborites who favor moderate socialism and a mixed economy, said he would remain in the Commons as an independent until the Labor national executive committee endorses a new candidate for Bermondsey. Then he will quit his seat and retire, forgoing a special election

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France set to recognize North Korea

SEOUL, Aug. 3 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson comes to Seoul Thursday with the tough task of officially informing South Korean government leaders of France's announced intention to recognize North Korea.

South Korea's reaction to the French move is categorical: It is adamantly opposed to French recognition of the North Korean regime, regarded here as the country's arch-enemy — at least for the moment.

Seoul's position that Western European countries should not recognize North Korea so long as the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe refuse to reciprocate with recognition for South Korea has been well-known.

"If the French think they can continue to be friends with us after making friends with Pyongyang, they are utterly wrong," warned a ranking South Korean official.

South Korean leaders are convinced that President Kim Il-Sung's North Korea remains as aggressive as ever, bent on taking over the South by whatever means to fulfill his long-cherished dreams of communizing the entire Korean peninsula.

When Francois Mitterrand came to power in France in May last year, South Korea immediately feared that the new Socialist government in Paris would recognize North Korea, since Mitterrand had visited Pyn-

gyang three months earlier and made recognition one of his party's election planks.

The French Socialist Party had even lashed former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing for supporting a "dictatorial regime" in Seoul for purely commercial reasons when France won a major contract in November, 1980, to supply two nuclear plants to South Korea on massive French financial aid.

So it came as a pleasant surprise when the new Socialist government assured Seoul that it intended to further strengthen its economic ties with South Korea while honoring all the outgoing government's commitments, notably over the nuclear plants.

South Korea, desirous of intensifying its relations with Mitterrand's government, awarded France's Alstom firm a new contract in February this year for the supply of the nuclear plants' conventional parts, costing about 2,500 million francs (about \$400 million).

The South Korean press also let it be known that France could obtain such major contracts as South Korea's \$1,000 million project to build a high-speed railway, although Japan is also eager to sell its new "bullet train" technology to Seoul.

Some editorialists here even wondered whether Cheysson was coming to Seoul to use the North Korean card to win economic advantages in South Korea.

Whatever the case, South Korean officials as well as French businessmen posted in Seoul agreed on one point: Economically, France will have more to lose than to gain if it recognizes North Korea at this time.

However, Seoul was also relieved to learn of Cheysson's recent statement to the National Assembly that France would establish normal relations with North Korea "under conditions acceptable to all."

Officials here believe the French government will not recognize Pyongyang if it means overriding Seoul's opposition at a time when close economic cooperation is developing between France and South Korea.

France's two-way trade volume with South Korea totaled \$682 million last year, while its commerce with North Korea was only \$2.2 million both ways. In addition, France has so far provided some \$800 million of credits to Seoul, which is seeking more money to carry out a number of development projects.

North Korea, meanwhile, is reportedly still in default for repayment of its \$200-million-franc (\$130 million) debt to France. *The Korea Herald*, a semi-official Seoul daily, recently wrote that "Mr. Cheysson may face a tough decision on Korea, but personal familiarity with the Korean scene may induce Paris to put off or even forgo the likely recognition of North Korea."

World peace meeting condemns arms race

TOKYO, Aug. 3 (AP) — The 1982 world conference against atomic and hydrogen bombs, a gathering of peace delegates from 33 countries and 13 international organizations, closed here late Monday with a broad condemnation of the nuclear arms race.

The conference, sponsored by a coalition of Japanese pacifist, labor and civic organizations, brought together more than 100 foreign and 600 Japanese delegates for two days of meetings and workshops on anti-nuclear issues. In a statement called the Tokyo Declaration, conference participants criticized the results of the recent United Nations special session on disarmament and called for a halt to the arms race and the establishment of nuclear-free zones in various parts of the world.

The declaration also covered a long list of anti-nuclear topics, including military spending, military use of nuclear energy technology, nuclear testing and government relief for victims of radiation exposure.

Organizers emphasized the "grass roots" character of the gathering. The major sponsors of the event were Congress Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, backed by the Japan Socialist Party, and the Council Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, a Japan Communist Party affiliate.

The conference was a prelude to mass rallies on Aug. 6 in Hiroshima and Aug. 9 in Nagasaki to commemorate the atomic bomb-

ings of those cities 37 years ago. American delegate Ying Lee Kelley, representing Californians for a Nuclear Freeze, said the Japanese peace movement is "much more experienced" than its American counterpart.

Miss Kelley said the American peace movement is still young and has much to learn from the Japanese. She said she doesn't believe the recent worldwide trend of anti-nuclear protest will be short-lived. "Unfortunately I think the world has become such a dangerous place that we no longer have a choice (whether or not to protest)," she said.

Helmut Kramer, representing the Hiroshima group of Vienna, Austria, said his small group was formed only last year to study the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "It's impressive to meet so many people from around the world and see what they're doing," Kramer said. "We don't have enough information about peace work in other countries."

Also attending the conference was John Smitherman, a disabled American veteran who is in Japan seeking medical treatment for a rare lymphatic disorder he believes is linked to his exposure to radiation during atomic testing at the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific 36 years ago.

Smitherman said he suffered radiation burns shortly after involvement in maneuvers at the test site as a navy seaman. His legs later began to swell uncontrollably, the result of

what doctors diagnosed as a deterioration of the lymphatic system. Both legs were amputated several years ago.

Unable to work for the past 10 years, Smitherman has filed six claims with the veterans administration for medical benefits, five of which have been denied. He is waiting to hear on the latest appeal.

France, Japan to film Western civilizations

PARIS, Aug. 3 (AFP) — French and Japanese television are to cooperate in the production of a 13-part documentary on the history of Western civilizations as seen through exhibits at the Paris Louvre museum.

The cost of the 22-million-franc project (some \$3.3 million) will be shared equally by the French TF1 channel and the Japanese NHK. Shooting should begin next February and end in early 1985. The first part of the documentary will deal with "the age of the Pharaohs" as seen through French Egyptological discoveries and will be filmed both at the Louvre and on location in the Nile Valley.

The series, which will cover 13 countries, will also deal with the Mediterranean of ancient Greece and Rome, the age of cathedrals, the age of Leonardo da Vinci, Spain's Golden Age, Rembrandt's Flanders, and the age of Louis XIV.

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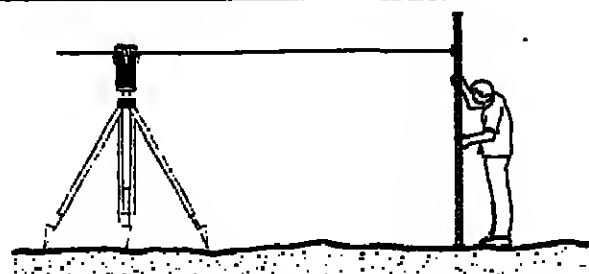


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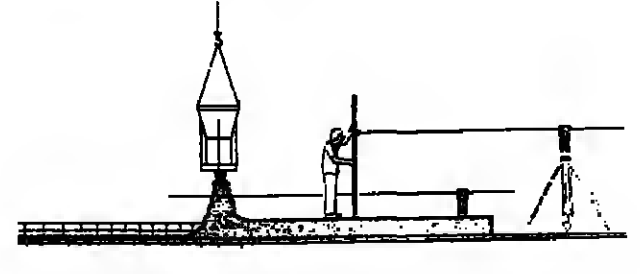
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BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AFP) — The U.S. Embassy protested the expulsion of Andrew Nagorsky, the Polish-born correspondent of the U.S. magazine *Newsweek*. In a statement, the embassy expressed "regret that the Foreign Ministry has taken this action against a responsible, well-qualified American correspondent and chosen to publicize it without giving him a chance to answer the charges." The embassy said U.S. officials here were "consulting with the State Department as to what action should be taken in response."

Nagorsky, whose press credentials were stripped by Soviet authorities, a move tantamount to expulsion, denied as "inaccurate, without any basis of truth" Soviet Foreign Ministry allegations that he had assumed false identities to gather news.

PEKING (AP) — King Birendra of Nepal visited one of China's largest hydroelectric power stations Monday and showed great interest, China's official Xinhua news agency reported. The king and queen went to the top of the 40-story-high Lurixia Dam in north-west China's Gansu province (state), Xinhua said.

MOSCOW (AFP) — A Soviet court has sentenced a self-made capitalist to 13 years in a severe regime labor camp for privately building garages in the Black Sea city of Odessa at a profit, a trade journal reported Tuesday. It said that Semyon Gronfman, with the complicity of the Odessa chief architect built garages privately although this is illegal, as only state enterprises can put up or sell buildings in the Soviet Union.

LONDON (AFP) — Polish union leader Lech Walesa, still detained under martial law in Poland, has been invited to participate in the September meeting of the British Trades Union Congress (TUC) in Brighton. TUC officials said they did not expect Walesa to be released but that their offer was "a political gesture."

MOSCOW (AFP) — Nikolai Piliugin, a leading Soviet space scientist, has died at the age of 74 following a long illness, it was reported Tuesday. A member of the Academy of Sciences, Piliugin was a pioneer of Soviet space exploration, and developed navigation systems for rocket-launchers, space stations and other spacecraft.

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UNIFIED ARAB ACTION

King Fahd and the leaders of North and South Yemen met at an urgently arranged meeting here Monday night and Tuesday morning to discuss the worsening situation in the region in the hope that they may be able to mobilize the Arabs into some positive reaction to the events.

Saudi Arabia has been actively canvassing the other Arab states with a view to mustering sufficient support for unified Arab action in view of the mounting aggressiveness of Israel. The U.S. has failed to check the Israeli arrogance and murder of thousands of Palestinians and Lebanese. Or perhaps it is not interested in doing much to control Israeli depredations.

Meanwhile, it seems inconceivable that the Arab states, represented by their governments, have been unable to agree on a modicum of solidarity to fight the Israelis in Lebanon. They apparently had no plan to respond to an Israeli invasion of Lebanon although this was common knowledge for months in advance.

Syria alone cannot stand up to the full might of the Israeli war machine so something should have been organized in coordination with it to make Lebanon Israel's Vietnam whatever the cost to the Arabs might be. They have more than 100 million persons and almost unlimited wealth to bankroll the battle.

Nothing of the sort has taken place. The Israelis are well-entrenched in Lebanon, Syria has been knocked out and the Palestinians are fighting alone in some of the most gruesome circumstances faced by any nation anywhere including Stalingrad. Even that was not as bad as the siege of West Beirut where the deadliest weapons are being unleashed on the poor people inside. The brave Russian defenders of Stalingrad had to put up with toy guns compared with what Israel is using against the Palestinians.

Saudi Arabian press review

Tuesday's newspapers said Israel would continue to violate ceasefires because it had pre-planned designs to "annihilate the Palestinian commando movement."

Al-Nadwa said, "The Zionists are now planning a humiliating surrender of the Arab nation in order to impose their conditions." The paper noted that Israel had rejected a six-point Arab plan prepared by an Arab League ministerial committee and also the Franco-Egyptian draft resolution at the U.N. Security Council "because it is not interested in peace."

Al-Jazirah wrote, "The fate of the occupied Arab lands is linked to the fate of the Palestinian struggle in Beirut. Israel would continue to violate ceasefires in West Beirut because the aim of besieging the city is to liquidate the Palestinian struggle and kill the organization's leaders."

The paper said Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin found himself in a shaky position by accepting "the so-called autonomy plan because he cannot implement it without the participation of the Palestinians."

"As such, he has decided to create another crisis to divert attention from self-rule," it added.

Al-Bilad noted that Israel's con-

tinues to practice its atrocities against Palestinians in a manner that outclasses Nazi methods." The paper called on the world community to take firm action to save the Palestinian cause.

Al-Yam said the Arab and Islamic nation will no longer remain silent if Israel continues its aggression on the Palestinian people. The paper urged the Arab and Islamic states to "pool their resources to confront this barbaric invasion at such a crucial time."

It called on the U.S. to give serious thought about current events in the region to protect its interests and relations with Middle Eastern countries.

Okaz praised the Kingdom's efforts in check the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and its moves to "press the Arabs and Muslims to shoulder their responsibilities." The paper stressed the importance of Arab and Islamic solidarity to build a "powerful Islamic Arab entity."

Al-Madinah called for a firm collective Arab stand to face the escalating Israeli aggression.

The paper said an effective move initiated by the Arabs under the leadership of the Kingdom had for the first time forced the U.N. Security Council to take an effective resolution to "stop Israeli air raids on Beirut." (SPA)

Schultz favors dialogue with Palestinians

By Robert Chesshyre

WASHINGTON — Alexander Haig liked to refer to himself as the "vicar" of American foreign policy. Last month his successor, George Shultz, took over as the sixtieth United States secretary of state, and emerged from his Senate confirmation hearings every inch the "bishop" — courteous, bland, unruffled, loyal to his superior, a man of dignity, authority and patience.

There could not have been a greater contrast in personal style to Haig. Shultz has about him a sleek, episcopal air. He is a large, well-fed man, with a double chin and a fleshy face that bears a generally contented expression. For the 11 hours he faced the Foreign Relations Committee, he leaned forward on his elbows, measured his words, and balanced every policy commitment with assurances.

He is for better relations with Peking but in favor of supplying Taiwan with the arms it needs; he is against trade sanctions as an instrument of diplomacy but in favor of those that President Reagan has applied against the Soviet Union over Poland; he is for meaningful dialogue with the Palestinians, yet stressed that Israel is the United States' "closest friend" in the Middle East.

What took five testy days with Haig passed off for Shultz in well under two harmonious ones. When he arrived in the vast committee room, the atmosphere was more that of an anointing ceremony than of an inquisition. Shultz had already called in person on each of the 17 senators who had to pass judgment on him, and on his way to his seat he pumped hands with the friendly fervor of a man who knows well how Washington works.

Indeed, Shultz is an old hand at the business, having twice been confirmed as a Nixon cabinet officer; he even remembered which two senators on the Foreign Relations Committee survived from the last panel to quiz him nearly a decade ago, and expressed the hope that they would remain consistent and abide by precedent.

There was, of course, no doubt about the outcome, and senators from both sides fell over one another to praise Shultz even before he had opened his mouth — words like "wisdom", "experience", "integrity", "prudence", "fairness" and "ability" punctuated the welcoming statements. Even those Democrats who briefly threatened to put nasty, or at least awkward, questions, prefaced their remarks by assuring Shultz they intended to vote for him.

The main preoccupation was with Shultz's ties to the Bechtel Corporation, for which he worked for eight years and from which he has just resigned as president. Two former Bechtel men — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Deputy Energy Secretary Kenneth Davis — are also senior administration officials.

The fear that U.S. government policy might be shaped to the interests of a multi-billion dollar international conglomerate, with extensive Arab dealings, hovered constantly in the wings.

It was the only moment that the "bishop" lost his cool: "I resent what I regard as a kind of smear on Bechtel. I think it is a marvelous, honorable, law-abiding company that does credit to our country here and all over the world," he snapped back.

The policy question that raised the most interest was Palestine. Shultz managed to convey that he intended to grapple sympathetically with Middle East instability without revealing a pro-Arab prejudice: "The legitimate needs and problems of the Palestinian people must be addressed and resolved ... we've got to shake everyone and say 'Come on, we've got to do better about this, we've got to get active.'"

On the Soviet Union he sounded sternly pragmatic, much in the manner of Haig. "The Soviet Union is military powerful and has exhibited a willingness to use its military power with brutality ... we should be realistic about what's going on, and, while we're not looking for confrontations, be firm. At the same time we should be prepared to have the strength and to negotiate from that strength."

When he didn't know an answer, he ducked quite legitimately — he is not yet in the "decision loop" and was getting himself "up to speed" — but those who attended these occasions regularly opined that Shultz tackled more than most nominees attempt. And he was, when it was over, praised on all sides for his command of the issues. (ONS)

Letters to the editor

King Fahd's speech

Dear sir,

The address of His Majesty King Fahd to the nation on the occasion of Eid al Fitr (*Arab News*, July 25) announcing the drafting of new government and consultative council policies, and calling for Islamic unity, is in fact a message of hope, a manifestation of sincere determination to serve the people and an assurance of everlasting peace, stability and economic prosperity in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

At the international level, the speech is a plea for the solidarity of all Islamic states. At this critical period facing the Arab world, His Majesty's call is not only timely but also urgently needed.

The most significant portion of the address is the determination to pursue vigorously the Kingdom-wide agricultural program to make the country self-sufficient in food production, and the hopes attached to the armed forces and the youths for national defense and security.

The announced program will certainly provide balanced growth, development and stability. More power to His Majesty.

Very sincerely,
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Help for Palestinians

Dear sir,

I am just now having time to say happy Eid Ul Fitr to you and also I would like to thank you for your fantastic World Cup report by Pele.

You have done such thoughtful things with such a special touch. You are wonderful and I thank you so much.

Also on this occasion I would like to express my condolences to our Muslim brothers (the Palestinians) who have lost their lives and families.

It is now clear that the Israelis are not interested in peace and unfortunately, their aggression against the Arabs is being blessed by America.

Therefore, we as Muslim brothers, must support and help the Palestinians to regain their rights and to expel the Israelis from our land. The Palestinians now need our support and we should not close our eyes. We must get ready for Jihad until the last drop of our blood. Allah Akbar.

Sincerely yours,
Fayk, H. Alaydrus
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Economy, not race, is the dominant issue

Wallace wooing blacks for Alabama governorship

By Susan Rasky

BAYOU LA BATRE, Alabama — George Wallace, who once pledged to maintain "segregation forever" in Alabama, is now seeking black support for a fourth term as governor and this time the stagnant economy, not race, is the main issue.

On a recent campaign trip to the tiny Gulf of Mexico Port of Bayou la Batre, the man who in 1963 stood in a state university doorway to stop black students from entering told a racially mixed gathering why he should be returned to office. Wallace, 63 and paralyzed below the waist since an assassination attempt ended his second bid for the presidency 10 years ago, promised to use his "international contacts" to lure new industry to the state.

Most opinion polls show him well ahead of his Democratic and Republican opponents, and the prevailing political wisdom is that black voters will help him win an unprecedented fourth term despite his past resistance to racial integration.

Federal civil rights laws and a social and cultural revolution have changed Alabama in the two decades since he first took the oath as governor with the defiant proclamation: "Segregation now and segregation forever." Over the years, George Wallace has changed as well.

"I used to campaign standing up. Now I have to do it sitting down in this wheelchair," he says in a grim effort to joke about the assassination attempt in May, 1972. "If I hadn't been shot out of the race, I would have been elected president," Wallace says. "And if I had been president, the country wouldn't be in the mess it is today."

He still rails against big government, still worries that America is soft on communism, but he also talks about the need for cooperation between business, labor and government.

Speaking from the backs of flatbed trucks and the stages of tiny town halls, he tells crowds that Alabama's most urgent needs are programs to create jobs and improve education. "I'm talking about equal opportunity for our children — rich and poor, black and white," he says.

Although lower-class rural whites are still the core of Wallace support, his audiences include a smattering of blacks and also young, white middle-class businessmen and professionals who see him as a key to economic growth.

Alabama's economy, rather than race relations, has become the dominant issue in the campaign for the November election. The steel and aluminum plants in the northern part of the state and the fishing and chemical industries in the south have been hard hit by the recession and high interest rates.

The unemployment rate is 13.9 percent, compared with the U.S. average of 9.5 percent and second only to Michigan, home of the depressed

car industry.

Wallace says Alabama has suffered since he left office in 1978. He says the state prospered under his three administrations and that of his late first wife, Lurleen, who succeeded him in 1966. He takes credit for legislation that brought trade schools, community colleges, free textbooks and industrial development.

"Governor Lurleen," as he calls her, pushed legislation to build state and local parks. Mingling with the campaign rally crowds, Wallace is relaxed and jovial, buoyed by the obvious affection of "just plain folks" who turn out to shake his hand. He boasts of past meetings with foreign leaders such as Britain's Harold Wilson and Margaret Thatcher, and of personal relationships with top industrialists at home and abroad.

Wallace is nearly deaf and often asks to have questions repeated. Sometimes he grimaces as if in great pain. Wallace critics say this is a ploy to permit him to duck questions. "You can tell them that in Alabama we've got good race relations," he said in an interview with Reuters. "We're all in the same boat here — we're all out of work."

He says he is not interested in national politics anymore and will not seek the presidency again. Ronald Reagan carried Alabama in 1980 and Wallace carefully refrains from criticizing the president, although he disagrees with some of the administration's economic policies.

At rallies, the former governor blames Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker for high interest rates. If interest rates do not fall, he says, "there will be dire social and civil consequences in U.S. cities. We'll have revolutionary politics from left to right because people are still being squeezed by high taxes and inflation."

Wallace bristles at the suggestion that his warning could be construed as a code phrase to stir up racial tensions. "George Wallace has never changed his attitude about people's race — that was never the issue," he snaps. "What's changed is segregation — it didn't work. I've said that when I ran for president in 1972."

The former governor sees himself as a friend of the "little man," and the personal touch is perhaps his best asset. "Thank you, sweetie," he says to a blushing teenage girl who leans over the wheelchair to kiss his cheek. "You tell your mama I hope she's feeling better."

"I sure appreciate all you're doing for me, Reverend Hope," he tells an aged black minister who is campaigning for him.

Organized black groups are not likely to endorse him, at least not in the Sept. 7 primary election when his major Democratic opponents will be Joe McCorquodale, speaker of the state legislature, and Lt. Governor George McMillan.

McMillan, a white liberal aligned with the black

mayor of industrial Birmingham, is expected to receive the black leaders' endorsement, but Wallace is expected to make a respectable showing among black union members and rural blacks. If he wins the primary election he will face Montgomery Mayor Emory Folmar, a conservative Republican and strong Reagan backer not widely known outside his home city.

"If the contest is between Folmar and Wallace, black voters will turn out in droves to vote for Wallace," says a state Democratic leader.

Wallace opponents dispute his claims that the state made great progress when he was in office. Alabama remains near the bottom on most U.S. measures of economic and social well-being. Critics say he allowed the state to languish while he pursued the presidency, but Wallace says he sought the White House in order to show the country and the world that people from Alabama are as good as people from anywhere else. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, August 4th, the 216th day of 1982. There are 149 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1621 — French Royalist Army begins siege of Montauban against Huguenot rebels.

1730 — Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia tries to flee to England but is imprisoned by his father.

1927 French fleet bombards Casablanca following anti-foreign outbreaks.

1914 — Britain declares war on Germany; the United States declares its neutrality.

1916 — Denmark sells Danish Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.

1936 — Gen. Francisco Franco's army captures Badajoz and advances eastward in Spain's civil war.

1940 — Italian forces advance from Abyssinia (Ethiopia) into British Somaliland.

1971 — U.S. Apollo 15 spacecraft heads back to earth after exploring the moon.

1974 — Portugal's government announces it is ready to recognize territory of Portuguese Guinea as independent state.

1976 — Eighty-one people are executed in Sudan on charges of trying to overthrow government.

1977 — U.S. President Jimmy Carter proposes that Congress give legal status to aliens who entered the United States unlawfully prior to 1977.

Thought for today:

Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without Buddha (about 563-483 B.C.)

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Phony Vietnam footprints

By Robert Parry

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Army researchers have confirmed they made 60 pairs of boots with soles designed to leave the footprint of Vietnamese peasants during the Vietnam War.

And another 60 pairs were made to leave the print of a Viet Cong sandal. The idea was to help the Green Berets, special American forces on dangerous patrols, go undetected.

But how successful the boots were remains a mystery, since the boots apparently never even earned a footnote in U.S. Army annals.

The boots look like regular army footwear, except for the soles. One batch had the shape of a bare foot, the other the sandal design.

Douglas Swain, chief of the footwear division at the U.S. Army Research and Development Laboratories in Natick, Massachusetts, said the boots were produced as a rush order for the army special forces in about 1965.

The price tag for 60 pairs of barefoot boots and 60 pairs of the sandal variety was \$15,000 to \$18,000, he said. As far as he knows, the only ones left are the two on display at Natick labs. Swain said that he never was told how the boots worked and was never asked to make any more.

"At the time, the program was classified secret," Swain said. "Some of our scouts on reconnaissance didn't want to leave the imprint of a regulation boot (while on) highly secret scouting and patrolling."

Swain said great care and "a little art-work" went in to crafting the scouting boots. He said "anthropometric measurements" of a typical Vietnamese foot were used for the barefoot boot and "a captured Viet Cong sandal" was the model for the other version.

Army historians said they could find no reference to the boots in their files. But historian Jeffrey Clark said the boots were probably just one of many brainstorms from the Vietnam era when the U.S. military was trying almost anything to get an edge on the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

While many of the ideas didn't work, others — such as sensors disguised as vegetation to detect movement down the Ho Chi Minh trail — became important parts of the U.S. war effort.



BAREFOOT BOOT: Harvey Keene, of the U.S. Army Research and Development Laboratories in Natick, displays a pair of boots made during the Vietnam War, designed to fool the enemy by leaving behind footprints of Vietnamese peasants. The boots look like regular army footwear, except for the sole which is in the shape of a bare foot.

Snap up a property bargain in the Ho Chi Minh City market

By Della Denman

HO CHI MINH CITY (LOS) — The thousands who have fled South Vietnam since the Communist takeover of 1975 are often criticized by the government for contributing nothing to the revolution. In fact, the money and presents they send back home keep many Vietnamese above the poverty line.

Remittances and luxury gifts from expatriates have created a booming black market in the back streets of Ho Chi Minh City and its Chinese quarter, Cholon, where stalls are loaded with Japanese electronic goods, watches, cameras and cigarettes.

The Hanoi government, under severe economic pressure, sanctions the "illegal" market in the South because it brings in foreign currency and circulates much-needed consumer goods and Western medicines.

Hard-line Socialist critics are told this is a short-term measure to ensure growth and that all trade will eventually be managed by the state.

Remittances in foreign currency can be exchanged for luxury imported goods at the government import-export shops, and these in turn can be resold at eight, nine or 10 times the price in the black market. Dollars smuggled into Vietnam change hands at 85 dong to the dollar, compared with 10 dong to the dollar at the official rate.

The government collects taxes of up to 8,000 dong a month from shops in the city's main tourist street, Tu Do, which take dollars for dong at the black market rate. The government handicraft shop openly offers to sell its lacquerware at the unofficial rate.

Some of the black market hawkers are those who sold stolen American PX goods and army clothing when the American-backed South was fighting the North. Today North Vietnamese coming South are some of the best customers in the market.

Used to a spartan existence in Hanoi, they soon discover that corruption is perhaps the only way they can pay for the consumer goods they have been denied for 30 years.

Among the black market stalls there are often middle-class Southerners, doctors and lawyers, selling off family antiques, porcelain and books to raise the \$1,000 bribe for an exit visa or \$2,000 for a seat in a refugee boat to a neighboring Asian country.

The richest Southerners are former merchants, many of them Chinese, who shut up their shops and businesses for fear of

reprisals against capitalists during the takeover. They keep in the background but invest large sums in deals involving contraband, foreign currency, and property bought from Vietnamese leaving the country.

"Money makes money" is a comment frequently heard in Ho Chi Minh City. Huge old French colonial mansions in its tree-lined residential streets now fetch only about \$30,000. The French-style cafes and restaurants go for less.

A meal at one of these establishments costs the equivalent of a month's govern-

ment salary, and only foreigners and Vietnamese profiteering from the black market can afford to eat out.

Saigon, as the town was called before "liberation", has lost its brassiness. Unsocial elements have been sent to rehabilitation centers and the crippled beggars to harsh "new economic zones". But the solid old hotels, now government guest houses, are still surrounded by urchins begging foreigners for dollars and old clothes. The Amerasians, the children fathered by American GIs, have grown into attractive teenagers.



RESCUED CHILDREN: A Hamburg policeman carries a rescued Vietnamese child from the German rescue ship *Cap Anamur* after their return from the China Sea to the Hamburg harbor last week.

'Mad Mike' no knight of armor

The Seychelles gamble that failed miserably

By Peter Gregson

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (R) — A judge ended Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare's latest and almost certainly last mercenary adventure with a 10-year jail term and the words: "You are no knight in armor."

For a man who is an avowed opponent of Marxism in black Africa, it was an irony of fate that he should be jailed for a large part of the rest of his life in staunchly anti-Communist, white-ruled South Africa.

But Justice Neville James told the dapper, silver-haired Hoare: "Your gamble failed miserably and you must pay the penalties of defeat."

Dublin-born Thomas Michael Hoare, aged 63, first became known as founder of the "Wild Geese" Commando in the Congo (now Zaire) in the 1960s, when his mercenaries routed rebellious tribesmen and rescued nuns and missionaries in swabuckling style.

But "Mad Mike" and his latest band of soldiers of fortune went to jail for no act of war, but for seizing a civilian airliner as they fled an abortive coup in the Seychelles. The group of men had sought adventure boisterously as a club called the "Ancient Order of Froth Blowers."

Along with Hoare, three of his lieutenants were jailed for five years, three for 2½ years and one for one year. All have asked leave to appeal, but no ruling has yet been given.

The remaining 34 members of an original force of just over 50 men were ordered to serve six months in prison, about as lenient a term as they could have got under South Africa's stiff anti-hijack laws. None of them plans to appeal and they may be released within weeks.

The court heard during a marathon 100 days of hearings that the attempt to topple Seychelles Socialist President Albert Kene last November and restore former President James Mancham to power was botched by Hoare's bad planning.

After first telling his men that the weapons to be used would be collected on the Indian Ocean archipelago, Hoare was so confident security would be lax that he banded them out on the day they left South Africa to be carried through customs at the Seychelles Mahe airport in false-bottomed suitcases.

But luck was not with the "Froth Blowers" on the afternoon of Nov. 25 last year. A customs official spotted some illegal fruit in the baggage of a Frenchman who had been on the Air Swaziland plane on which they had flown to the islands.

About half the group had passed through customs and were waiting on a bus outside the tiny airport terminal flanked by forest-clad hills. But the customs officer then began to search more thoroughly and found a dismantled AK-47 automatic rifle in the suitcase of the next mercenary in the queue.

Pandemonium broke as the mercenaries assembled their weapons and began firing, shooting one of their own number as they tried to seize the terminal.

Late that night with the mercenaries besieged at the airport by army units, an Air India Boeing 707 on a scheduled flight from Zimbabwe to Bombay began its descent for a refueling stop at Mahe.

The court here found that mercenaries controlling the airport tower lured the plane in to land by not telling it of the situation on the ground.

It ruled that by bringing the plane down and then boarding it to make their getaway, they had endangered the lives of 79 passengers and crew on board, violating internationally agreed air safety laws. The pilot was ordered to fly to Durban, South Africa, where the aircraft landed in the early hours of Nov. 26.

The case has been a major embarrassment for South Africa and opposition politicians are far from satisfied that all the questions it raised have been answered.

The mercenaries involved are all South African residents of differing nationalities and the coup attempt was planned and carried out from here.

One of six mercenaries left behind in the Seychelles was an agent for the National Intelligence Service (NIS) and judge James said in his summing up it would be naive to assume the NIS was not aware of the coup preparations.

The weapons used were delivered to Hoare's nearby Natal home by the South African defense force and, the judge said, "It has never been suggested the delivery was in error."

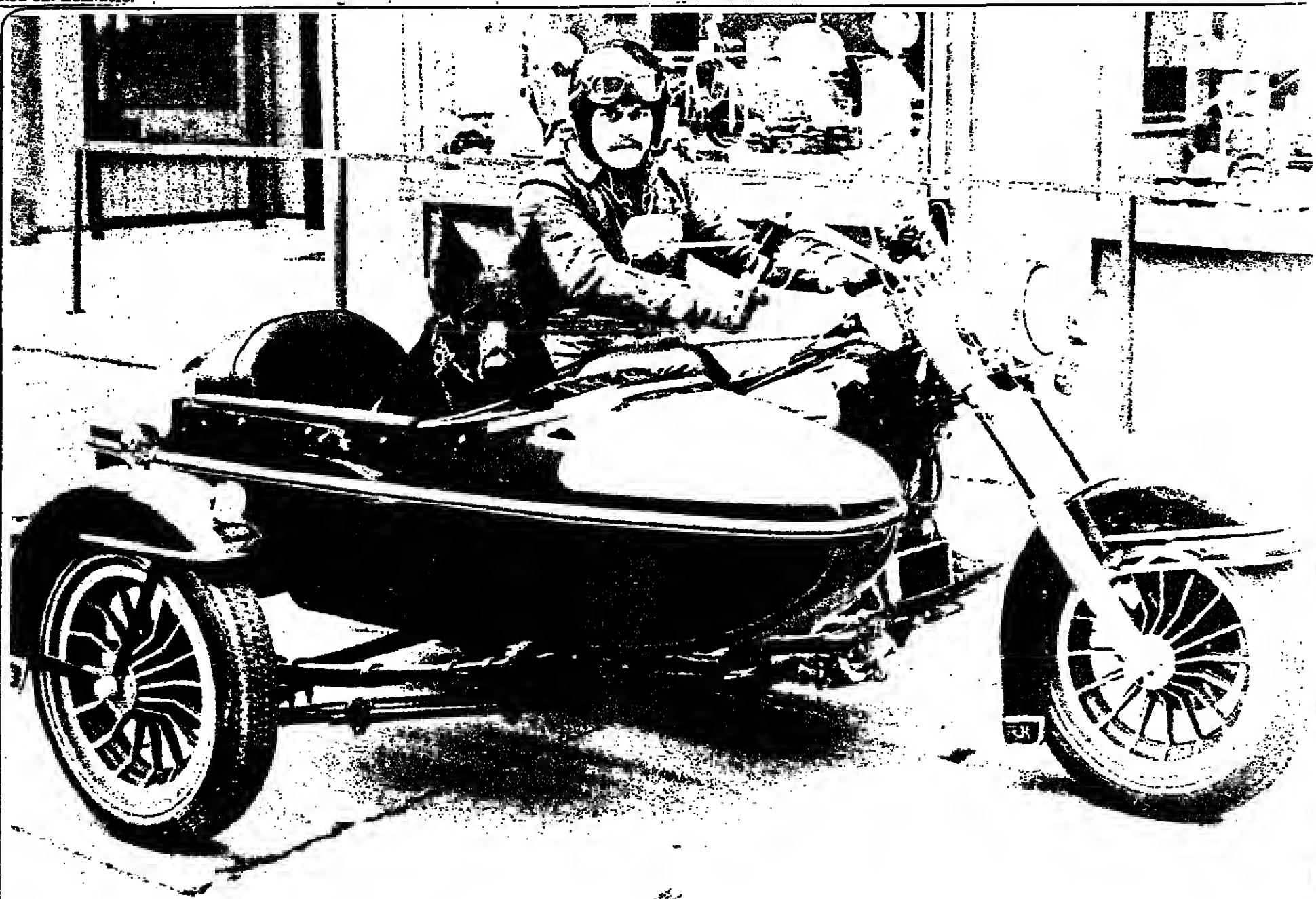
The speaker of the House of Assembly slapped a snub justice ruling on the case while it was being heard, thereby stopping opposition parliamentarians questioning the government about it.

Defense Minister Magnus Malan also served notice on the court that it could not

hear any testimony about the military experience in South Africa of the mercenaries, many of them reservists in the crack undercover reconnaissance commands.

Breaking a long government silence on the case, Prime Minister P.W. Botha said after the sentences were handed down that action would be taken against the officials who had supplied the weapons without the knowledge of their superiors.

He added that draft legislation would be introduced in the next session of parliament prohibiting South African citizens from being mercenaries and said: "However, I wish to emphasize unequivocally that neither the government, the cabinet nor the state security council were aware of the coup. No authorization was therefore given for any action."



DOG LOVER: There appears to be no limits to what dog lovers will do for their faithful friends. This motorcyclist has even provided a sidecar for his dog and the animal enjoys riding everywhere with him. The pair are seen together in the streets of Dusseldorf, West Germany.

Language lessons by telephone

By Robert Wieland

BRUSSELS (AP) — Allan Ockene starts his working days in the office at 8 a.m. He goes through the mail, then waits for Martha's call.

She phones without fail at 8:30 sharp. For the next half hour the vice president for Europe for the American-based Goodyear tire manufacturers here gets a private lesson in Dutch from Martha. He has never met her and does not know her full name.

Ockene is one of 100 persons here, many of them business leaders, learning a foreign language in daily telephone conversations with a teacher.

"Phone languages" begun four years ago by New Yorker Jackie van Aubel and Anne Dutry, a French-speaking Belgian, today employs about 40 teachers.

"We teach Arabic, English, French, Dutch, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek and Italian," said Van Aubel in a recent interview.

Playing hooky is out of the question. Under their system, said Van Aubel and Dutry, teachers phone students, not the other way around. "We don't give students any excuse not to phone," said Dutry.

"Our teachers do this work on the side. They are retired businessmen, housewives or students and only teach in their native tongue," she added.

A language-by-telephone course contains 36 lessons of 30 minutes each. Students learn from books complemented by newspaper and magazine articles.

"For me this system is perfect," said Ockene who has had almost 36 lessons. "It is difficult for me to go to a school because of my work. I would spend too much time traveling to and from classes. Also, I travel quite a bit and would have to miss lessons."

Ockene already speaks French, Spanish and German but he lives in a Dutch-speaking suburb of Brussels.

He said he was able to launch into "simple conversations in Dutch" after about 10 telephone lessons. He plans to start a second 36-lesson course. "After that I think I'll be able to converse in Dutch without getting stuck."

Students can get calls from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. A course of 36 30-minute lessons costs 16,200 francs (\$1324) which includes books, an evaluation of the student's language skills at the start of the course and the price of the phone calls.

After 36 lessons, said Dutry, anyone should be able to converse in a foreign tongue, although the level of proficiency depends on the language. "German and Dutch are difficult languages. Spanish and English are definitely easier."

Most of the 100 students currently enrolled in "phone languages" are Belgians of all ages either learning French or Dutch.

"Phone languages" has instructors who can teach in either regular Portuguese or its Brazilian version. Also, students of English can choose an American or British teacher.

Computerized ship cuts crew, hauls bigger loads

By Rod O'Brien

TOKYO (Depthnews) — Japan is building a fleet of energy-savers for the Australia-Japan iron and coal run. They require less crew and haul bigger loads.

Three giant carriers are under construction and another is being planned. The first of the series, the *Kinokawa Maru* on its maiden voyage to the iron ore port of Dampier, Western Australia, also "talks." Its voice control center recognizes the captain's voice and responds to his commands with synthesized sounds in English.

According to the builders, Sumitomo Heavy Industries, the carrier's entire crew has been cut from the usual 25 to 18 for a 179,618-ton vessel. Technically it can operate with less men, but seamen's union regulations prevent this. In the future with the introduction of robots, crews could be cut to two or three.

Consequently, studies are under way to decide whether large-scale reductions are advisable on vessels of that size and length of voyage. The *Kinokawa Maru* costs \$40 million, considerably more than a regular carrier.

The extra expense went into fitting 70 percent of the structure with high tensile steel to make it stronger and lighter. As a result, another 5,000 tons of coal or iron can be loaded.

It is all additional tuning for cost-

competitive steel making. The mills are cutting every corner. At the production end, they are into continuous casting thus requiring less raw material for every ton of steel.

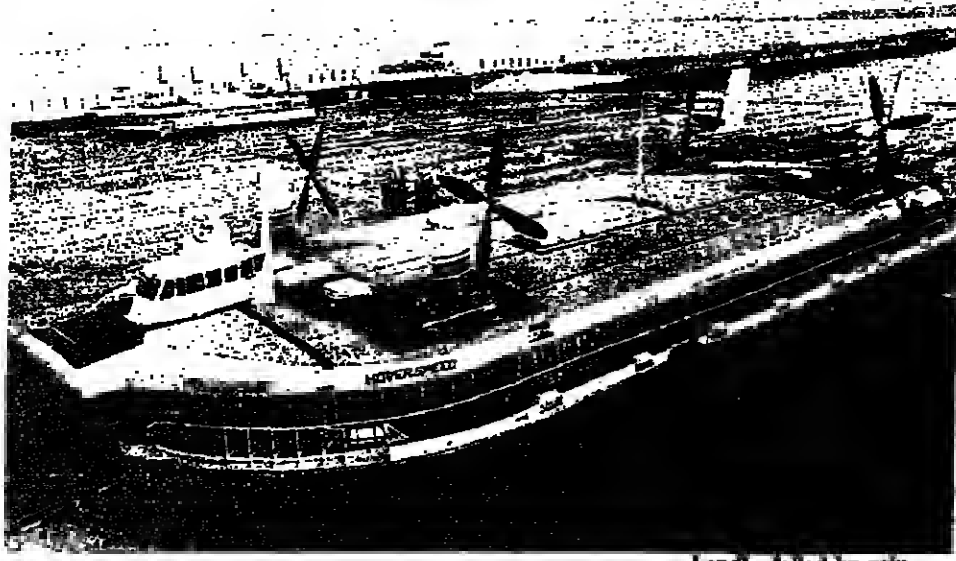
Now the steelmakers after facing rising iron and coal costs, are addressing the oil bill in shipping. It accounts for 50 percent of transportation cost. However, by using boiler exhaust heat to generate electricity, and by design improvements, dependency on oil on the *Kinokawa Maru* has been reduced by 45 percent.

The builders claim the oil share of the transportation cost will be trimmed to 27.5 percent. However, Nippon Steel, with 200,000-ton carriers to be delivered in August and September, say they are to reduce dependency on oil by 50 percent.

In the meantime, Sumitomo Heavy Industries have decided not to install a voice control unit on the latest carrier they are building. They are yet to make a decision whether a third vessel will have the facility.

It really depends on how the performance goes on the *Kinokawa Maru*. Sumitomo Metal Industries, while operating the vessel, want to see whether the computer effectively replaces two crewmen as claimed.

The normal lines of command are from captain to first officer to engineer. With voice control, the captain can walk the deck and with headphones and a microphone make direct contact with the computer.



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HOVERCRAFT: One of the world's largest hovercraft, the 300-ton *Princess Margaret*, is seen here at Dover harbor. Capable of carrying 416 passengers and 30 cars, the vessel forms part of the Hoverspeed fleet that makes up to 30 crossings each day between Dover port, often called the "Gateway to Britain", and the French coastal ports.

Robot sniffles car leaks

By Motoring Correspondent

LONDON (LPS) — "Sniffing" robots are claimed to have given Britain the world's most advanced method of detecting potential water leak points in car bodies.

By Peter J.

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MORE ABOUT AGORAPHOBIA



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I am 38 and was fearless until one year ago. Suddenly, I became a frightened animal — like a scared rabbit. My doctor said my present condition began as a panic attack for no apparent reason. While I was having lunch in the office, I was sure I was dying. My heart palpitated and ran away with itself.

This acute fear lasted for hours and gradually lessened. But for the past year, I've suffered from agoraphobia. I'm afraid to be in public, and also scared to be alone. These unrelenting fears have restricted all of my normal social and business activities. I have to summon all my willpower to shop in the supermarket. Standing in line to be checked out frightens me. No longer do I take any trips with the family in our car because I'm terribly afraid of tunnels and driving over bridges. Is there no end to this frightening existence? — Mrs. L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Intensity of agoraphobia differs. I've known some patients so frightened, they wouldn't open the front door and leave the house if accompanied by a hatch of secret service men. I've known other agoraphobics who would rather starve than risk sitting down in a restaurant. Patients often choose to sit in aisle seats in church or at a movie. When they get the intense desire to flee, they want no obstruction to their flight.

Agoraphobia is a form of anxiety that may persist for months or years. But life can be made more bearable by use of the newer behavior therapies.

Proper medication may also alleviate panic attacks. Imipramine often dramatically stops such attacks. Other drugs now prescribed

are tricyclics and monoamine oxidase inhibitors. Anxiety may also be relieved by benzodiazepines.

Have you visited your doctor lately, Mrs. L.? If not, give him the opportunity to help with the various new therapies.

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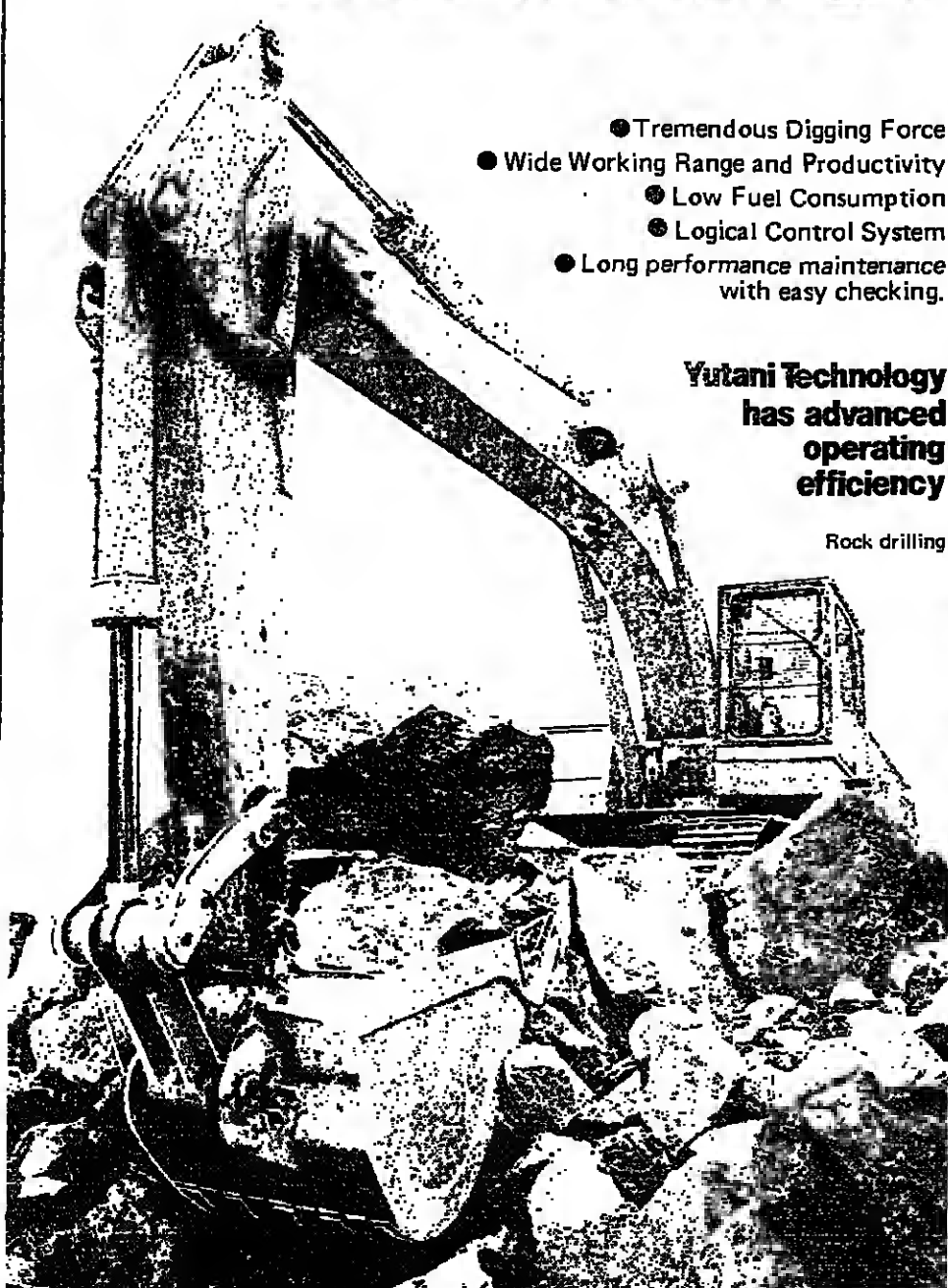
Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My doctor tells me not to get so excited about fever. Whenever my youngster's temperature rises over 99, I imagine the worse. Some serious illness is the first thing I think of. Shouldn't fever be respected, even if it isn't very high? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: Too many look upon fever as an enemy. In reality, it's a friend during illness. In a way, it's protective, because the increase in temperature prepares the inflamed tissues to put up a better fight against infection. Incidentally, a rectal temperature of 99, or a little over, may be within the normal limits.

Dear Mr. Y.: As you feel fine, and have no family history of diabetes, you have the right to question the doctor's diagnosis of diabetes. Especially so, since it was based on taking only one blood sugar test. Before going on insulin and special diets, ask for consultation with a diabetes specialist.

The glucose tolerance test is more diagnostic than a single blood sugar reading. Even this must be interpreted carefully because it is often influenced by stress, obesity and the type and amount of carbohydrates ingested during the 24 hours before the test.

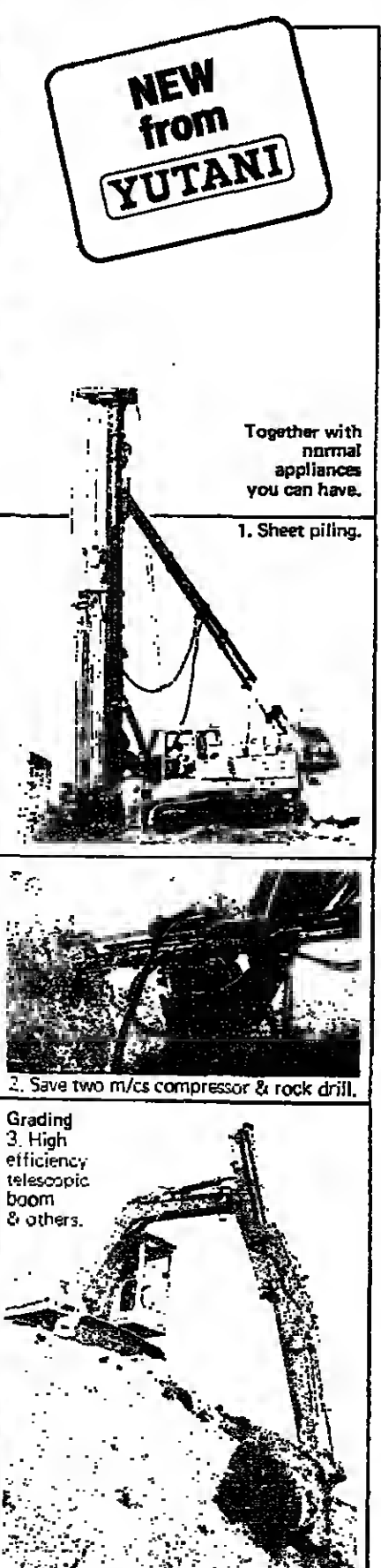
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Another Look

The story of three ancient tribes

By Robert Yoakim

Once upon a time, many millennia ago, the Ishrums were living in the land claimed by the Lavians. The Ishrums were discriminated against by the Lavians: They were denied good jobs, their fashions were ridiculed, their religion was reviled, their children were beaten up in school, their literature was censored, and they were not even safe in their homes. Occasionally their oppressors would throw rocks at their windows or torch their dwellings. Sometimes they were allowed to own land, sometimes not.

Every now and then the oppression would take an especially nasty turn, usually because a new oppressor would invade the land, but sometimes because their old oppressors, the Lavians, underwent a surge of fundamentalist fervor. At such times the Ishrums suffered greatly: Their towns were sacked, their places of worship desecrated, and those who were not killed were humiliated to the point where their hearts knew only hatred.

Their many oppressions caused the Ishrums to gather even more closely together, as certain wild animals form packs to protect themselves. And, their religion, like the religion of the Lavians, who had themselves been oppressed for two hundred years by the neighboring Seriams, became more and more militant. Some Ishrums fled to distant lands, but their shared beliefs and fears and hatreds kept them close wherever they lived.

Ishrums priests promised that someday they would live in a land, liberated of oppressors and powerful enough to turn back any invader. And finally that promise was fulfilled after years of bloody uprisings against their oppressors, the Lavians.

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Lavian leaders promised that someday they would again live in a land liberated of oppressors. And finally that promise was fulfilled after years of bloody uprisings against their oppressors, the Ishrums.

And so the Ishrums were again discriminated against: ridiculed, reviled, beaten up, censored, and attacked in their homes. Sometimes they could own land, sometimes not.

Then came the day when Seriams, inflamed with race memories of ancient oppressions by the Ishrums and the Lavians, took over the land. Their hearts hardened by old animosities, the Seriams treated the Ishrums and the Lavians just as they had treated each other, and as the Seriams had once been treated by them.

And so, in the name of justice, the Seriams did those things that were unjust; in the name of religion did those things that were cruel, in the name of tribal pride did those things that were racist.

And as they sowed hate, so did they reap it when the Ishrums again took over the land.

And they continued, these three tribes, to oppress and be oppressed down through the centuries, living always for revenge and retribution. Each tribe believed that it was unique and superior; any tribe member who suggested otherwise became an instant outcast. Observation: There once was a time, as we have just seen, when humans were cruel and stupid and mean. Thank goodness our ignorant ways we did mend: Had we not we would surely be facing the end.

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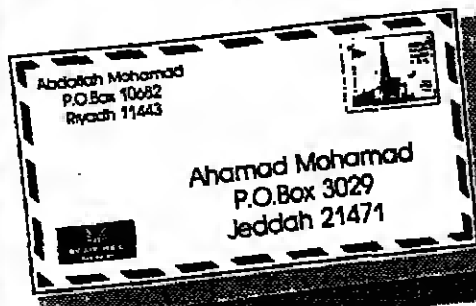
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Change in balance of power

Solidarity activists live in fear of martial law

By Michael Dobbs

GDANSK, Poland, (WP) — The last time Walentynowicz lost her job as a crane operator was in August 1980. Her fellow workers at the Lenin Shipyard here went on strike to secure her reinstatement. The strike ended in a revolution that shook the Communist world.

Last month Walentynowicz, who had just spent seven months in an internment camp for women Solidarity activists, tried to get her job back again. The guards at the shipyard gate were surprised to see her, but welcomed her in. After chatting with her colleagues for an hour or so, she was summoned to the personnel department and told that she was not allowed to work at the yard. There were no protests, no strikes. Walentynowicz, who has worked for 32 years at the yard and is known to everyone there as "Mrs. Anna" ("Mrs. Anna"), said she would accept the management's offer of a part-time job somewhere else and generous retirement benefits. She also agreed to take a two-week paid vacation.

Her cautious reaction to an offer that had brought half of Poland to a standstill a year ago is a measure of the change in balance of power here since the imposition of martial law last December. But she herself has changed little as a result of her internment — an experience which, she says, convinced her that Poland's communist rulers were determined to crush Solidarity August 1981 in the start. They succeeded in crushing us as an organization because we did not appreciate our opponent. But, in the long run, we are stronger than they are. "It's not the name that matters but the authentic feeling of solidarity among us. During internment, we learned to love each other. We became closer to each other," she said in an interview in her tiny room apartment.

A 52-year-old grandmother, Walentynowicz

became a household name in Poland because of her part in the August 1980 strike. Before the strike, she and Lech Walesa were among a small group of workers in Gdansk who organized free trade union cells. Her dismissal from the shipyard in retaliation for her political activities led to the strike.

Like many of the founders of the free trade union movement in Gdansk, Walentynowicz later quarreled with Walesa. She accused him of being too conciliatory toward the Communist authorities and of using undemocratic methods to run Solidarity. She was not elected to the union's national leadership at its congress last year, but remained a symbol of what the workers had fought for in August 1980.

Her release, therefore, is being seen as a test case for the government, which is aware of her popularity in Gdansk. The police are watching carefully to see whether she still poses a danger — particularly this month, when workers will mark the second anniversary of the agreement that ended the Gdansk shipyard strike.

Radical though she is, Walentynowicz admits that it is difficult to organize protests as long as martial law is in force.

"People are afraid. They know that they can now be sent to prison for several years for the slightest offense. Before the shipyard strike, they used to pick us up for only 48 hours," she said.

Before being released, Walentynowicz had several interviews with plainclothes security men. She says it was hinted that she could become head of a revived Solidarity organization if she agreed to cooperate with the authorities. She refused.

She also refused to promise that she would refrain from illegal trade union activity after her release.

Now that she is free, Walentynowicz says she intends to continue the struggle for free unions in Poland. She admits, though, that it may be necessary to "change tactics."



CAR LOTTERY: The chances of purchasing a car in Poland these days are remote. Cars, like most other products, are in short supply. However, there is an official lottery that offers Poles a short-cut to instant transportation and the chance to own an automobile. This Warsaw scene shows people browsing through such announcements.

Hijack drama made Ekanayake Sri Lankan hero overnight

By Premil Ratnayake

COLOMBO (IP) — This is not a land of oris, or sky pirates. Yet for over a week Indian Ocean island, for centuries known for its piracy and Taprobane to historians and seafarers, and venerated for 2500 years because the Buddha implemented his first sermon here, was the cynosure of international concern and sometimes downright demerit. For Sri Lanka, which calls itself a nonaligned among the nonaligned and which the nonviolence concept of Ahimsa, produced its first international hijacker also became the first pirate of the skies in the world to get away with his booty almost free.

An outburst of displaced nationalism bordered on vulgar chauvinism, a group of Sri Lankans cheered and hailed as heroes, and the hijacker, Ekanayake (33) as he is known, was hailed as a hero. He was downed the tarmac at Katunayake International Airport clutching his \$300,000 ransom money paid by the Italian government followed by his Italian-born wife Anna and two-year-old son Free. For 56 hours he was king of the Alitalia "reign." Sepala, a nonentity and a dropout in the deep south of Sri Lanka, some 180 miles from the capital city of Colombo, told his men after his escape at the Bangkok airport where he held 261 passengers on the Alitalia flight as hostages and threatened to blow up the Boeing 747 with explosives strapped to his chest unless the Italian gov-

ernment reunited him with his estranged wife and son.

Government officials here stunned by the daredevilry of the Sri Lankan maintained an embarrassed silence for over two days while the international terrorist checked in at the five-star Hotel Inter Continental in Colombo with his family; entertained his friends, held a press conference, flattered his ill-gotten gains, went on a shopping spree and even tried to bank the ransom money under police escort.

Terrorism has been stalking the north of Sri Lanka for some time threatening to truncate the 25,000-square-mile island republic in a meaningless political and often violent battle the minority Tamil community has waged to secure a separate state. As in the days of yore the politics and state affairs of the little island reach across the 20-mile sea gap called the Palk Strait to the tip of South India where extremist Tamil Nadu politicians have overtly expressed sympathy with the Tamil cause.

After a bizarre trail of violence in North Sri Lanka by extremist Tamil youth styling themselves as Liberation Tigers with allied movements in European cities and even in New York, in which more than 25 policemen were ruthlessly gunned down and local banks relieved of over Rs. 20 million (\$1 million), the Lankan government finally achieved a major breakthrough in investigations recently when the Tamil Nadu police arrested

two of the most wanted notorious terrorist leaders Prabhakaran and Uma Maheswaran after a shootout in the streets of Madras.

The government of Sri Lanka is trying to have the two extradited but there are legal and political snags. Although New Delhi is mildly responsive to the Lankan plea, the Tamil Nadu government under pressure from highly placed Tamil politicians of both countries insist that Madras must first deal with them for flouting Tamil Nadu laws before an extradition could be considered.

And then Sepala struck with explosives now suspected to be fakes and put his countrymen, averse to terrorism, in a jam. The tumultuous, heroic reception the former apple-picking Italian band was showered in Colombo embroiled a government faced with internal terrorism, angered international airlines and pilot associations and Colombo was threatened with a boycott of world flights.

But as was to be seen later, the Sri Lankan government acted with caution in dealing with this prodigal son of the soil. It impounded his passport, but let him out free, yet kept a close vigil and immediately after the Italian government made an official complaint, took him to custody. The government armed with the Anti-Terrorist Movement Act which gives it special powers to curb terrorist activities will indict Sepala for extortion and retention of illegal money.

Sepala's hijack drama filled the local newspapers for days with headlines and in down south where he was born he became a hero overnight. In hundreds of interviews given to the Sinhala press Sepala boasted of his murderous adventure, sought time "to sort out family matters" with wife Anna, expressed concern over his son's education in Italy, insisted that the hijacking was a reprisal on Rome for refusing a visa entry to see his family, explained that the "little" ransom booty was to cover "expenses" (\$300,000, he stressed, is peanuts to blow up a jet worth \$1 million) and reiterated that the extorted money will be equitably shared with six accomplices whose existence and whereabouts remained a mystery.

But the Sri Lankan police after his arrest froze \$289,000 deposited in a "suspense account" at a local bank, recovered \$10,000 gifted to his brother Sathiyapala, who was also arrested.

Sepala, who earlier derided the local press, was dejected after the arrest but claimed with Sinhala journalists that he would earn more from copyrights on the sale of his air adventure to the international mass media.

First to condemn the terrorist deed at the Don Mueang Airport was the independent daily Sun which in its editorial deplored the gangsterism of the Lankan even for family reasons.

Sepala, who was reported to have left home in search of adventure and happiness

across the seas after his mother died and his father took a second wife, was alone in Sri Lanka a few years ago. His Italian wife and son came with him but left for Rome without Sepala. The local press rushed to print with pictures of Anna and son Free during their stay in Colombo and Sepala's only sister Indrani, a doctor by profession, thought her brother, though high-strung, had carried out a "bugle box." That matched with Anna's own remarks of her husband: "Sepala is intelligent, sensitive and very dangerous."

The bearded Lankan had a predilection for motor mechanics during school days. Though he secured his general certificates of education without a pass in English, he later became fluent in Italian, French, German — and English, the mass media reported.

He is wanted on narcotics charges in Western capitals but in Colombo he was denied all and confidently declared he will prove his accusers wrong. Friends interviewed in his hometown described Sepala as strong-willed, and as an introvert who on his occasional emerges among them from abroad spent money very lavishly. He had not met with his father since leaving home in 1969 or after his marriage in 1977 but Don David Ekanayake bloated with pride over his son's devilry.

"My son epitomizes the ideal Sinhala son who did not forget his wife and son in times of trouble and turpitude; he is welcome home," he told the press.

Alien ET saves Hollywood

By William Scobie

HOLLYWOOD (LOS) — From scores of factories in Taiwan, South Korea and the Philippines, half a million ET dolls and toys are currently being rushed to the shelves of American stores.

The stores are desperate for fresh supplies of ET, a cuddly, stuffed vinyl thing from outer space that has waddled its way into American hearts this summer.

ET is the computerized robot star of the latest "space romance" from Steven Spielberg, director of *Jaws* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

ET — the extra-terrestrial is breaking every box-office record in sight. Cinemas show the film 24 hours a day. In Los Angeles, fans queue at dawn, wait in line until 2 a.m.

In two months, it has taken in \$170 million. Wall Street analysts predict that within the year ET will pass *Star Wars* to become the most profitable film in Hollywood history, with a worldwide gross of around \$400 million.

"ET's gotten more popular than the flag, as American as apple pie," burbled an executive at Universal Studios, the film's distributor. MCA, the conglomerate that owns Universal, stands to collect the largest slice of pie, including an ample share of the merchandizing business — a crucial part of the U.S. film industry today.

Worldwide sales of bric-a-brac based on *Star Wars* and its sequel *The Empire Strikes Back* have topped \$1.5 billion. The coming deluge of ET toys, games, sheets, clocks, lunch-boxes, is expected to bring in more money than the film itself. Caught napping by the ET phenomenon, MCA's licensed vendors are mounting a crash program to bring young America what it wants.

"We lost at least \$12 million by not having an ET doll on the market when the film came out," said Astrid Kamar, head of Kamar International, a California toy company. Never mind. Kamar still expects to sell six million dolls, at up to \$20 each, for more than \$20 million.

What is the secret of ET's appeal? He's adorably ugly. He's doe-eyed, slender-necked, long-fingered super-pet. He stars, with an insufferably cute 10-year old, in a variant on the classic Hollywood please-don't-kill-my-dog-mister theme.

Accidentally abandoned in Los Angeles by a passing space ship, ET gets together with young Elliott. Beauty and the beast are parted by villainous scientists with nasty experiments in mind.

ET dies. Inexplicably resurrected, he ascends in a homeward-bound spaceship. Hollywood extras weep rapturously. Audiences follow suit. At the end of a financial year filled with costly flops, with MGM, Fox and other studios posting multi-million dollar losses, critics have been happy to find something to praise.

"In a class all by its beautiful self," said *Time* magazine. "Should make truckloads of money." Only George F. Will, doyen of America's conservative columnists, was disturbed. The movie ET, he thought, promoted three subversive ideas: "Children are people. Adults are not. Science is sinister."

Science and art blended in the creation of the fiber-glass and foam rubber ET, designed by Spielberg and Italian sculptor Carlo Rambaldi. Electronic controls provide ET with 150 movements and facial twitches.

ET's co-star, 10-year old Henry Thomas, doesn't remember the midgets but claims he misses the \$1.5 million electronic dummy: "ET was a real person," he says.

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OECD says

Dim future in store for world shipping

PARIS, Aug. 3 (AP) — Prospects for world shipping demand remain "gloomy" in both the liquid bulk and dry cargo sectors, the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has said.

In its latest annual report on maritime transport, the Paris-based body said its negative forecast stemmed from the serious over-tonnage resulting from large additions to the existing fleet.

"The general outlook for 1982 is depressed and sluggish because of the expected introduction of excessive quantities of bulk carriers and of the existence of 130 million deadweight tons of tankers without sure employment, the report stated.

Overall demand for shipping services — both dry bulk and general cargo — are expected to increase by between 3.5-5 percent to reach between 2,090 and 2,120 million tons, while demand for oil and oil products is projected to remain at around its 1981 level of 1,445 million tons.

In terms of ton-miles a further decrease could even be envisaged as more short-haul crude is expected to become available, the OECD said. The supply of shipping virtually stagnated during 1981, the 0.2 percent growth of the world fleet to 420.8 million gross registered tons (GRT) being the smallest increase since the mid-thirties when the fleet was only 15 percent of its present size, the survey said.

The figure concealed a substantial decline in tankers and general cargo ships and a "spectacular" rise in dry bulk carriers, specialized tankers and unit load vessels, however.

"As a result, to the existing gross surplus in

tankers was added a developing oversupply of dry bulk carriers which seems certain to become more and more severe," the OECD warned.

The OECD said fleets operating under flags of convenience declined very substantially between mid-1980 and mid-1981 to 104.9 million GRT from 114.6 million, their share of the world fleet falling to 24.9 percent from 27.3 percent. This was largely due to the fact that as from mid-1981 Singapore no longer offers open registry facilities, the OECD commented, adding that even without this development there were sharp reductions in the Liberian and Cypriot fleets which more than offset the expansion of the Panama Fleet.

"Although there were continuing reports that more countries intended to relax their registration requirements, notably Sri Lanka, Honduras, Nicaragua and Nigeria...neither these countries nor Vanuatu seem to have had much success in attracting vessels to their flags, partly because they haven't yet generated sufficient confidence in the main international financial institutions," it added.

The OECD remarked on the fast expansion in the fleet of developing countries which accounted for 14.1 percent of world tonnage in mid-1981, or 59.3 million GRT, compared with 11 percent (46.2 million GRT) a year earlier and 9.4 percent in mid-1978.

Looking toward the end of this decade, the OECD commented that from a technological viewpoint, the maritime transport industry is likely to be concerned less with different ways of handling cargo than with the economic performance of ships.

U.S. aide sees further fall in rates

ZURICH, Aug. 3 (R) — U.S. interest rates are likely to fall further, U.S. Treasury Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs Beryl Sprinkel was quoted as saying.

Asked in an interview with the newspaper *Tages-Anzeiger* whether a prime rate of less than 14 percent by the year end is possible, he said "that is quite conceivable. If we can keep inflation to five percent, this would even justify a prime rate of eight percent."

He also said the dollar will recover from short-term weakness due to lower interest rates, adding that low U.S. inflation means a strong U.S. currency in the long-term.

The interview was conducted when U.S. prime rate was at 15.5 percent instead of its current 15 percent. Sprinkel said interest rates would come down now of their own accord, because of growing market confidence that the Federal Reserve Board would stick to its monetary targets.

He said he stood by the administration's forecast of four percent GNP growth in 1983. The lowest point in the recession occurred in the last quarter, he added.

Sprinkel said a durable recovery is not possible at current interest rate levels, but added the surest way to drive interest rates up is to loosen monetary policy.

Bonn output dips

BONN, Aug. 3 (R) — West Germany's seasonally adjusted industrial production index fell a provisional 1.9 percent in June after a revised 0.9 percent fall in May, the economics ministry said.

The ministry previously said production was provisionally unchanged in May. The June index was 0.9 percent below June 1981.

With global prices plunging

Sugar leaves a bitter taste in Cuban mouths

MIAMI, Aug. 3 (AP) — Sugar, the sweet, white gold Fidel Castro banked on to fund Cuban Communism, is proving not to be the trustworthy currency the Cuban strongman thought it was, according to analysts.

Last week, President Castro told a cheering crowd in the city of Bayamo that Cuban raw-sugar production in 1982 totaled slightly more than 8.2 million tons, up from 7.3 million tons last year. By comparison, 6.2 million tons were harvested last year in U.S. sugar fields in states such as Florida, Hawaii, Texas and Louisiana.

The island's record crop — 8.9 million tons — was harvested in 1970, but at the price of disrupting almost every other economic sector.

The 1982 Cuban harvest was "one of the best in the past years," Castro proclaimed before an estimated 500,000 people.

"It is a sizeable, substantial harvest," agreed Dr. Jynb. Knight of John Hopkins University, Maryland, who trudged through

sugar fields two years ago to examine Cuban attempts at mechanizing the chopping and refining of cane.

"In two years, the Cubans have made a strong comeback from widespread rusts which meant a huge portion of the cane had to be destroyed, then replanted," he said. "But this year's crop is not going to do very much for the Cuban economy."

The reason, said the Jamaican-born political scientist, is the cheapness of sugar on the free-world market. "In short, the Cubans complain they have to sell sugar for less than it costs to make it."

Bulk pure-cane sugar now sells for about 10 cents a pound (45 kg), but Cuban authorities say it costs at least 13 cents a pound to grow, crush, purify and deliver to dockside.

"The result, in a sense, is that the more the Cubans produce, the more money they lose," Knight said. "If they were operating in a pure capitalist economy, they'd have no choice but to go out of business." Sugar is

the most important export of the nation of 10 million, accounting for some 70 percent of Cuban earnings abroad. Even before Castro toppled dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, the island's economy was alternatively buoyed and crushed by wild swings in the Western world's commodity price for sugar.

In the past two years, sluggish demand coupled with record sugar exports by other nations — including the sugar beet countries of the European Common market — have dropped world prices to their lowest point since 1982.

"The only time Cuba has done well, been able to expand its economy and provide for capital investment to ensure growth, was when sugar prices were high," said Dr. Susan Eckstein, associate professor of sociology at Boston University.

"For months, the noises coming out of Cuba have been pessimistic and the pessimism comes from the fact sugar has fallen so low on the world market."

Reagan all but takes anti-curb vow

DES MOINES, Iowa Aug. 3 (APF) — President Ronald Reagan stopped short Monday of vowing never to impose a grain embargo on the Soviet Union.

Such a promise was printed in advance copies of a speech, but Reagan omitted that sentence when he delivered the speech at a farmers' convention here.

Copies given to the press contained the phrase, "this administration does not have, nor will we have, a grain embargo on the Soviet Union."

James Baker, the White House chief of staff, acknowledged that the sentence was "a categorical statement" that would have contradicted the administration's policy of contemplating a grain embargo as part of a series of general sanctions.

In his speech, Reagan outlined that policy, saying: "Farm exports will not be singled out as an instrument of foreign policy, and can be used only as part of a broad trade embargo, supported by other nations, in a situation so serious as to cause this action."

Last week, the White House announced Reagan's decision to propose a one-year extension of a U.S.-Soviet grain agreement that expires on Sept. 30.

Under the five-year agreement, which has already been extended by one year, the Soviet Union must buy six million tons of grain a year and may buy another two million tons without special permission from the administration.

UAE okays bill for housing staff

ABU DHABI, Aug. 3 (WAM) — The cabinet approved the draft law to house federal employees working in the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Houses will be distributed according to the grade of the employee, his marital status, number of children while bachelors will share houses.

Rents in Abu Dhabi are relatively high compared to the other six emirates. The cabinet also approved a memorandum from the ministry of finance and industry to increase the UAE share in the capital of the international bank for reconstruction.

Bundesbank may ease policy

FRANKFURT, Aug. 3 (R) — The second cut in U.S. discount rate within two weeks has prompted speculation that the Bundesbank will soon follow suit and relax monetary policy, money market dealers and economists said.

With the U.S. discount rate at 11 percent and fed funds this week trading below that, the Bundesbank can consider cutting its nine percent Lombard rate, they said. Bundesbank money market operations this week could give a clue to its plans ahead of its next council meeting on Aug. 12.

On the basis of the latest fall in U.S. interest rates, West German bond and stock markets rallied strongly Monday and show further gains Tuesday.

Airlines to insist on baggage tags

GENEVA, Aug. 3 (R) — Airlines around the world will require name tags on all baggage from Jan. 1, 1983, the International Air Transport Association said Tuesday.

Mandatory identification, which an IATA conference on passenger services decided on earlier this year, should help travelers to recover lost luggage quickly and cut theft in baggage-claim areas, it said.

Airlines will benefit by quicker tracing of misrouted luggage and reduced claims for lost baggage. The association recommended that passengers put their home address and destination on the tags to allow luggage to be forwarded quickly.

Pessimism grips U.K. business

LONDON, Aug. 3 (R) — U.K. industrialists, considerably less optimistic about their own industries than four months ago, are suffering the sharpest decline in business confidence since January 1981, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said.

Total new orders and output have fallen over the past four months and there may be further, slight reductions in the next four months, a CBI industrial trends survey shows.

The 1,695 firms surveyed, representing nearly half U.K. manufacturing employment and half manufactured exports, would have responded before the recent cuts in U.K. bank base rates.

The survey shows investment intentions have weakened for the first time since October 1980 while just over 90 percent of firms surveyed expect a shortage of orders or sales to limit their output over the next four months.

The results suggest that reductions in stocks are continuing and, on average, firms still consider their finished goods stocks, an indicator of future demand, to be excessive.

Respondents optimism about their export prospects for the next 12 months has declined. The volume of new export orders and export deliveries contracted over the last four months with no recovery likely in the next four.

Both average unit costs and average domestic selling prices are increasing more slowly and a further slowing down is expected

Taiwan's standard of living climbs

TAIPEI, Aug. 3 (CNA) — People in Taiwan, island province of the Republic of China are living better than ever, a statistics released by the provincial government showed. A survey conducted earlier this year showed that the average family in Taiwan province made about NT \$285,831 (about \$7,146) a year in 1981. A farming household makes NT \$222,458 (about \$5,562), while non-farming households earn NT \$304,176 (about \$7,605).

The survey was conducted on 11,000 households taken at random from the 2,972,000 households in Taiwan province. The figure didn't include Taipei and Kaohsiung cities, which are special municipalities, administratively independent of Taiwan province.

Surveyors visited 11,000 chosen house-

holds for interviews for such information as the number of family members, household amenities, income, expenditure, fixed assets, etc.

The survey showed that 61 percent of the households derive their income from salaries 22 percent from mixed sources, 11 percent from their properties, and 4 percent from others.

In 1981, people spend 36 percent of their income on food, a decrease of 15 percent from that of 1964. The trend is for food bills to take up a declining percentage of the household expenses. Spending on housing rose from 20 percent in 1964 to 26 percent in 1981; clothing from 6 percent to 6.9 percent; health care from 3.9 percent to 4.7 percent; transportation from 2 percent to 7 percent; and leisure from 4.7 percent to 8.1 percent.

Turkey granted \$200m farm aid

ANKARA, Aug. 3 (R) — A group of foreign banks has granted a loan to Turkey's Agriculture Bank for \$200 million, the biggest credit extended by commercial banks to a Turkish concern since 1979, a central bank spokesman has said.

Turkey has been struggling to regain the confidence of foreign bankers since it was forced to spread out repayments on billions of dollars worth of foreign borrowing three years ago. Its total foreign debt stands at some \$15 billion.

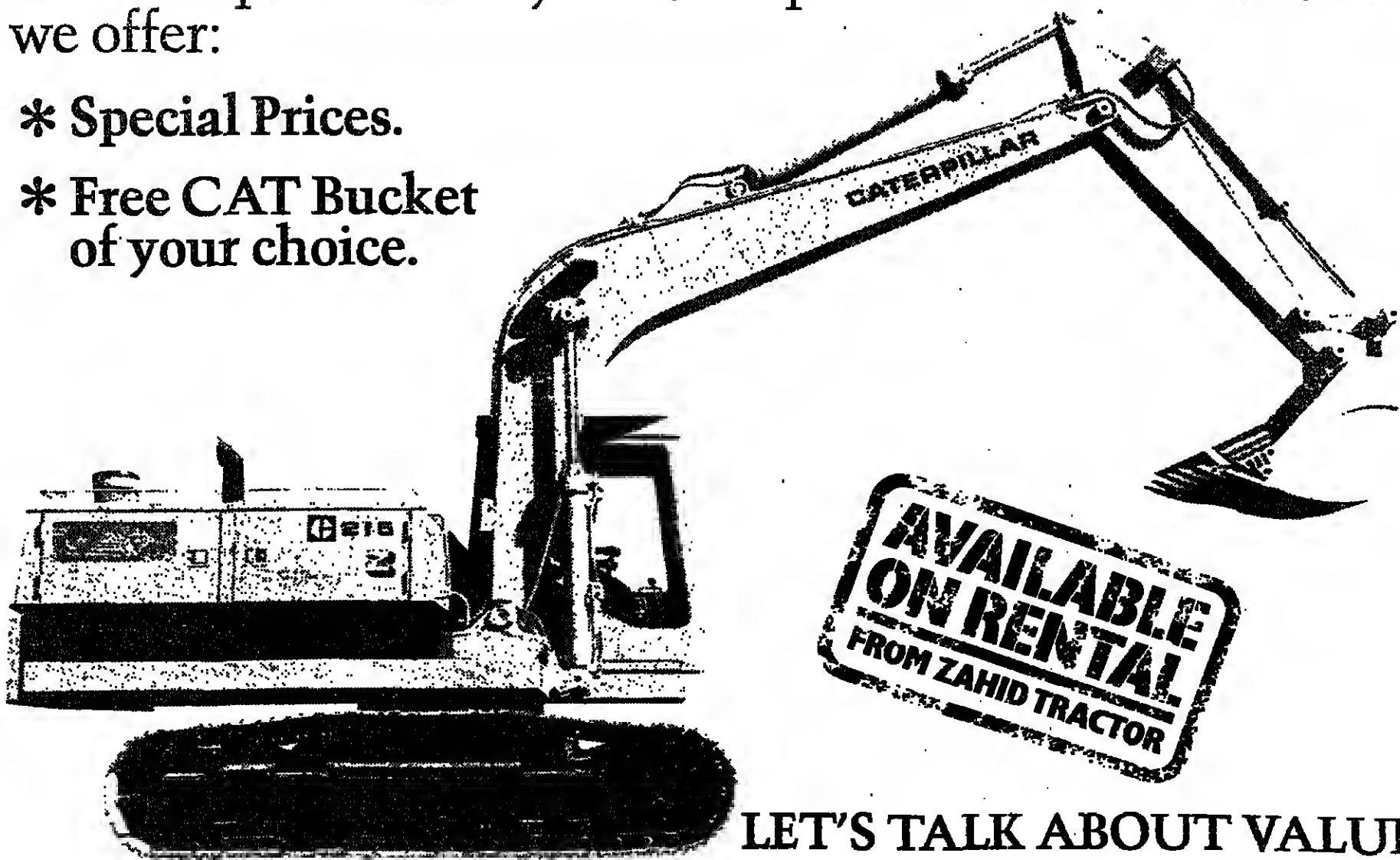
"This new loan is a big step toward normalizing our relations with the market," the central bank spokesman said.

The banking group was led by Citibank and the Arab Banking Corporation and included Gulf International Bank, the Bank of Tokyo, Union Bank of Switzerland and Deutschbank, the spokesman said.

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Soviet pipeline project

U.S. faces EEC protests on ban

BRUSSELS, Aug. 3 (R) — European Economic Community governments have drafted formal political and legal protests over the U.S. embargo on equipment for the Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

Two protest notes, which will be delivered to Washington before regulations implementing the U.S. ban are put into effect on Aug. 21, will be completed in the next few days, the sources said.

Community governments believe the ban on sales of European-made but U.S.-licensed equipment for the pipeline flouts international law.

Drafts of the two documents were agreed at a meeting in Brussels Tuesday, following Britain's decision Monday to forbid companies there from complying with the American embargo.

A two-and-a-half page "political" note warns the Reagan administration that its decision will damage transatlantic relations and fail in its aim of punishing Moscow for its role in the continuation of martial law in Poland.

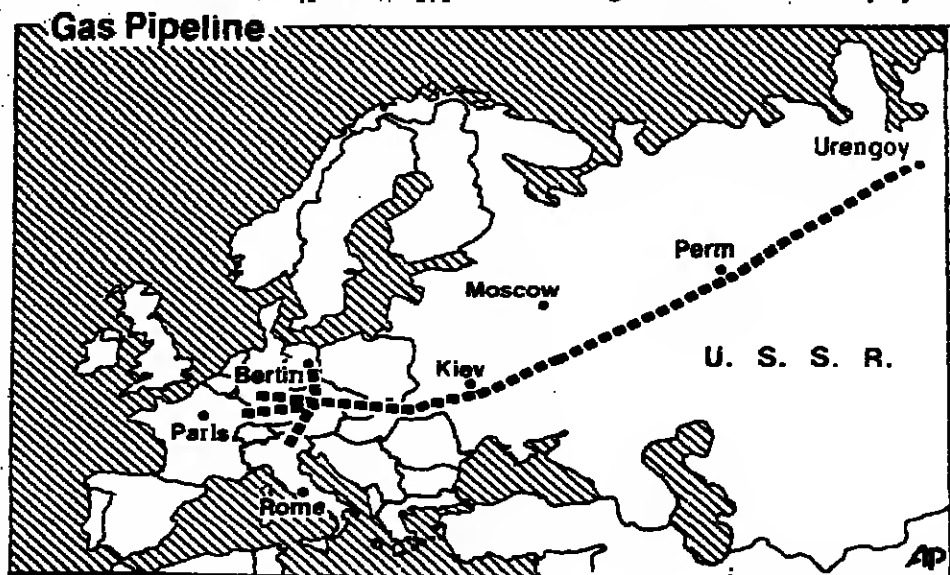
Diplomats said a more detailed 15-page note drawn up by legal experts criticized the extra-territorial and retroactive nature of the U.S. move. The diplomats described the tone of the drafts as forceful, in line with a preliminary protest delivered to Washington on July 15.

European energy experts believe the

embargo will create only small delays in the building of the pipeline and could save the Soviet Union up to \$2 billion in hard currency. France, Italy and Britain have all said they will defy the ban, while West Germany, the other community state directly affected, is encouraging its firms to go ahead with

Meanwhile in Moscow, well-informed semi-official sources said the Soviet Union had no intention of replying to accusations that thousands of political prisoners were being forced to work on the pipeline in "atrocious conditions".

The allegation was made Monday by the



deliveries. Informal sources in Bonn said Economics Minister Otto Lambdorsfö was going to Washington later this week to plead that AEG-Kanis be allowed to deliver two completed gas turbines to Moscow by the end of the month as contracted. If the U.S. reaction was negative, they said, AEG-Kanis would have to make a decision whether to break the ban by delivering the two turbines and making 45 more as scheduled.

The sources said the government did not have the legal means to enforce a decision and could not be responsible for the consequences of breaking the ban. But they added that Bonn would support the firm, whatever decision it took.

well-established West German international society for human rights, which provided a list of names of prisoners making up part of the alleged forced-labor contingent. The sources said the accusation was merely part of a campaign to denigrate the pipeline project following the failure of the U.S. embargo.

In Washington, the state department said Monday it was studying Britain's announcement that British firms have been told not to comply with the U.S. Embargo on sales of American technology to help Moscow build its natural gas pipeline to Europe.

"We regret any action that would weaken the pressure on Polish authorities to relax significantly their martial law measures," the department said in a statement.

Seychelles feels tourist pinch

VICTORIA, Aug. 3 (AFP) — The government of this Indian Ocean island republic is facing a serious economic crisis, partly due to a dramatic loss of foreign exchange earnings by its tourist industry following the mercenary attack last November.

But the other reason is that this tiny welfare state plans to finance not only advanced social projects but also maintain a real army.

The Seychelles comprises 92 islands and islets with a total area of 156 square miles (404 square kms) and a population of about 65,000. In the 1960s it was a holiday paradise for the international jet-set, but in the past few years it was visited mainly by honeymooners and retired couples. It is a long time since Omar Sharif used to holiday here.

In the past three years, tourism has dropped by half, with an estimated 38,000 tourists expected for 1982. This state of affairs is regarded as so serious that the tourist industry has been attached directly to the presidency.

The November attack by a commando of mercenaries, mainly South Africans, led by Colonel "Mad Mike" Hoare did nothing to improve an already deteriorating tourist situation.

The attackers were repulsed, but about 1,000 foreign tourists were unable to leave for a week as government forces searched for mercenaries, accomplices. In addition, the international airport was badly damaged in the fighting. But this mercenary attack by itself does not wholly explain the falloff in tourism.

The prices of hotel rooms and restaurant meals are high for a developing country, and they frighten foreigners away. The government last year "froze" hotel rates in order to encourage more visitors.

Inflation was pegged at a modest six percent, but this did not prevent a balance of payment deficit of 20 million rupees (about \$4 million). There are no currency restrictions in the Seychelles.

Travel agents are not all that happy with other aspects of government policy, which might frighten away tourists, like large banners in Victoria's streets proclaiming the "showdown with imperialism".

German unions rap draft budget

BONN, Aug. 3 (R) — Leaders of West Germany's two biggest trade unions said in separate interviews they were not prepared to go along with the government's draft budget for 1983 which contains cuts in social service spending and higher employee welfare contributions.

Eugen Loderer, chairman of the Metalworkers' Union, said in a radio interview the left-liberal coalition government could no longer rely on the union's tacit acceptance.

"The government is asking us to swallow a savings plan in which dependent employees are being asked to contribute some seven billion marks and all the rest only 1.5 billion marks," he said.

Loderer said union leaders could never endorse a policy of higher welfare contributions and lower benefits. Siegfried Merten, acting head of the Public Workers' Union, said in an interview with the weekly magazine Stern the unions were not prepared to finance the failed policies of Economics Minister Otto Lambdorsfö.

"By hook or by crook, we will have to recover in our wage negotiations all the additional financial burdens which are being loaded on to the workers," Merten said.

Dacca, Islamabad sign trade pact

DACCA, Aug. 3 (AP) — Bangladesh Commerce Secretary Matur Rahman and Pakistani Commerce Secretary Ishaq Hui signed an agreement here Monday that would make the two countries major trade partners.

The agreement, which followed three days of talks, provides that Pakistan will import from Bangladesh an increased volume of jute, tea, betel leaves, paper pulp, rayon yarn, ceramics and electrical cables.

Bangladesh will import from Pakistan more textiles, rice, rubber products, pig iron, railroad cars, surgical instruments and other commodities.

The two countries which had a one-way trade volume of about \$20 million last year, also agreed to cooperate in the private sector and establish a joint chamber of commerce and shipping service.

Bonn jobless may break 2m barrier

HAMBURG, Aug. 3 (AFP) — West Germany's army of unemployed will number more than two million people by the end of the year, federal labor office president Josef Stigl predicted here Tuesday.

Confirming gloomy forecasts that at least 50,000 more people will join the unemployment queues each month until December, Stigl added that job offers had never been as sparse as they are now.

In May there were 1.65 million people looking for work in gross terms — 1.85 million based on seasonally-corrected figures.

The army of jobless has grown nearly 50 percent over the last 12 months: a record 1.7 million people lost their jobs between January and June this year. To make things worse, 130,000 youngsters enter the job market each year.

In another development, French seasonally adjusted unemployment in July is estimated at unchanged from the June figure of 2.04 million.

E. Germany, Iran view trade ties

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 3 (R) — East Germany's Minister for Chemicals Kety held talks with an Iranian delegation to improve their economic relations, the official news agency ADN said.

The Iranian delegation led by Industry Minister Mustafa Hashem was officially received by the East German minister, Gunther Wyszowsky, ADN said.

No details of the talks have been released, but Western diplomats said the fact that the chemical industry minister was leading the talks on the East German side suggested energy would be high on the agenda.

With oil supplies from the Soviet Union frozen at 1980 level of 1.9 million tons for five years, the East Germans may be compelled to seek oil elsewhere. In April 1980, East Germany and Iran signed an agreement to expand trade.

India lambasts UNDP aid cut

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Indian Labor Minister Bhagwat Jha Azad Tuesday deplored the decision of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and other international agencies to cut allocations for this region by 25 percent.

Speaking at an International Labor Organization (ILO)-sponsored conference here of directors, planners and engineers of special public works programs from Asian countries, the minister said the ILO must make available to this region larger allocations from its regular budget.

Financial Roundup

Dollar continues to slide

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Eurodollar deposit rates continued to fall on the European markets Tuesday, while in the hullion markets both gold and silver prices edged up. American interest rates seem to have entered a period of uncertainty as to the direction of rates but one thing is certain — the major commercial banks do not want to be caught on the wrong foot.

On Monday night several of the large U.S. commercial banks reduced their prime lending rates by 1/2 percent to take the new prime to 15 percent and analysts were predicting further falls especially if the Federal Reserve's "Fed fund" prime lending rates fall to below 10 1/2 percent levels. They closed at 11 1/2 percent to 11 percent Monday night in New York.

In the European exchanges, the American currency lost some further ground against the major world currencies, but rose slightly against a weaker yen better by rising unemployment and higher balance of payments deficits.

In the hullion markets Tuesday, gold prices rose to \$357.50 an ounce at one stage before falling back to \$355.00 levels. This was still higher than average Monday prices of \$353 levels. Silver's rise was more dramatic, once again showing the volatility of this precious metal. Silver which had traded at around \$7.02 by the close of London business Monday traded at around \$7.91 to \$7.20 on Tuesday but new dealers were optimistic that silver would remain firm having seen some wild fluctuation in

prices over the past few months.

In the local markets rial deposit levels fell back by about 1/2 percent in the shorter tenors taking the week-fixed deposits to 7 1/2 - 8 1/2 percent on opening but later to 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 percent levels — the lowest seen for this year. The fall in short-dated funds affected medium term rates which saw the one-month JIBOR at 9 1/2 - 10 percent compared with 10 1/2 percent Monday opening levels.

In the longer periods, dealers reported "wide quotes", with the one-year deposit spread being 12 1/2 - 13 1/2 percent levels. Continuing dollar weakness and local rial liquidity injections is driving local deposit rates down. On the exchanges, some last minute commercial demand for the dollar and other currencies pushed spot rial-dollar rates up to 3.4405-10 levels from opening rates of 3.4400-05. Interbank dealing was moderate.

The European markets were much more active by contrast, and saw sterling rise to 1.7560 levels from 1.7508 on Monday. The yen was weaker by 100 points to 257.10 while other currencies were stronger against the dollar. The mark was dealt at 2.4260 (from 2.4320), while the Swiss franc and French franc were 2.0550 and 6.7530 respectively from Monday's 2.0730 and 6.7620 levels.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	350.75
Paris	354.49
Frankfurt	357.00
Zurich	350.37
Hong Kong	357.18

Credit squeeze confronts Italy

ROME, Aug. 3 (AFP) — The giant financial scandal of the Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank saddled with a deficit of \$1.4 billion, could cost the Italian state dear in its bid to raise \$3.8 billion by foreign loans this year.

The leading economic daily *Il Sole 24 Ore*, commenting on the Banca d'Italia's refusal to cover the debts of the foreign branches of the Banco Ambrosiano, said this might spark off an "Italian risk factor" leading to greatly increased interest rates being levied on international loans.

The daily reported the possibility that the city — London finance houses — might take the scandal into account when the Italian National Railways float a loan of 100 million pounds sterling in London later this month.

It said that strong reluctance to deal with Italian state loans was also being shown on the London Stock Exchange.

This whole process could obstruct Italy's completion of its 1982 loan program totalling \$6 billion. To date, Rome has obtained only \$2.2 billion.

The Banco Ambrosiano scandal erupted when its president, Roberto Calvi, was found hanging from a London bridge in June.

According to a British coroner's court, he committed suicide. The Italian press, meanwhile, reported that the Bank of England has sent a detailed questionnaire to several major banks to ask them about their views on Italy's financial situation.

A typical question appeared to be: "Are you still prepared to extend credit to the Italian private sector without a guarantee from the state?"

Another one asked: "Will you continue your level of investments in Italy or do you plan to reduce them?" But the Banca d'Italia seems unwilling to bend under the pressure of international bankers to cover the Banco Ambrosiano debts.

Banca d'Italia representative Mario Arduini told 200 foreign creditors of the Banco Ambrosiano last week in London that: "We do not know of any similar situation where this has been done." The creditors were urging the Banca d'Italia to honor the "Concordato di Base" under which 10 central banks guarantee the debts of banks and finance houses operating in their countries.

British reserves soar by \$240m

LONDON, Aug. 3 (R) — Britain's gold and currency reserves rose \$240 million in July to \$17.94 billion after a \$117 million drop in June, the treasury said.

The underlying rise, net of new borrowing and repayments, was \$159 million compared with an underlying fall of 151 million in June. In July last year the reserves stood at \$24.57 billion.

The treasury said new borrowings under the exchange cover scheme last month were \$123 million and repayments under the scheme \$19 million.

The government also repaid \$57 million relating to the IMF oil facility, while the quarterly revaluation of the reserves under the European Currency Unit (ECU) swap arrangement with Common Market countries added \$34 million to the reserves.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Orders from the United States industrial sector dropped 0.3 percent in June, the U.S. Department of Commerce has announced. In May orders rose one percent after dropping one percent in April. Worst hit last month were orders for durable goods, which dropped 1.9 percent. But orders for non-durable goods rose 1.3 percent.

PITTSBURGH, (AFP) — The Mellon Bank, the 15th largest in the United States, intends to buy the banking group Girard through an exchange of shares worth \$220 million the two companies announced Tuesday. The merger will result in the 12th largest U.S. bank, with assets valued at \$23.2 billion. But the deal has still to be approved by shareholders of the two companies and U.S. business authorities.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AFP) — The Central Bank of Brazil Tuesday devalued the cruzeiro by 1.94 percent, the 22nd devaluation so far this year. The last devaluation took place July 27. The Brazilian currency has been devalued by a total of 45.76 percent since Jan. 1, and by 92.25 percent over the last 12 months.

PARIS, (R) — Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) said it signed an export credit accord worth 150 million francs with the state-owned Moroccan oil company Ste Cherifienne des Petroles. It said the Moroccan foreign trade bank and the International Arab Investment Bank also signed the accord but gave no further details.

ZURICH, (R) — Growth of adjusted Swiss central bank money supply slowed to 1.8 percent year on year in June from 2.4 percent in May, the National Bank's monthly report showed. The National Bank's target for 1982 as a whole is average growth of three percent. In January and February there was negative growth.

LONDON, (AFP) — The *Financial Times* Tuesday predicted a "modest" devaluation of sterling with the aim of stimulating business and trimming the current all-time unemployment high. Such a move has already been advocated by the employers' body, the Confederation of British Industries (CBI).

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.145
Bangladesh Taka	12.45	12.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.30	74.30
Canadian Dollar	276.00	276.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.00	141.80
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.40	128.40
Egyptian Pound	3.38	3.49
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.75
French Franc (100)	51.25	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	51.40	50.40
Indian Rupee (100)	36.25	36.25
Iranian Rial (100)	5.75	5.75
Iraqi Dinar	25.50	25.35
Italian Lira (10,000)	13.45	13.45
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.83	9.735
Jordanian Dinar	12.00	11.97
Kuwait Dinar	69.00	67.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	56.00	56.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.45	28.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	40.85	40.85
Philippine Peso (100)	6.06	6.04
Pound Sterling	94.50	94.65
Qatari Rial (100)	161.00	161.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	31.10	31.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	167.25	166.90
Swiss Franc (100)	59.00	59.95
Syrian Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.25	75.25
Yemeni Rial (100)	39.00	38.800
Selling Price	4.570	4.540
Buying Price	1.220	1.190

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6441000, Jeddah.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Qasim Education Department	Cleaning Al-Nour Institute from inside and outside	—	—	8.8.1982
Hail Municipality	Completing shopping centers;	—	1,500	10.8.1982
" " "	Asphalting and lighting a number of streets in Qa'a'a village	—	1,500	8.8.1982
" " "	Asphalting and lighting a number of streets at Al-Rawda village;	—	1,500	8.8.1982

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 14TH SHAHAWAL 1402/3RD AUGUST, 1982

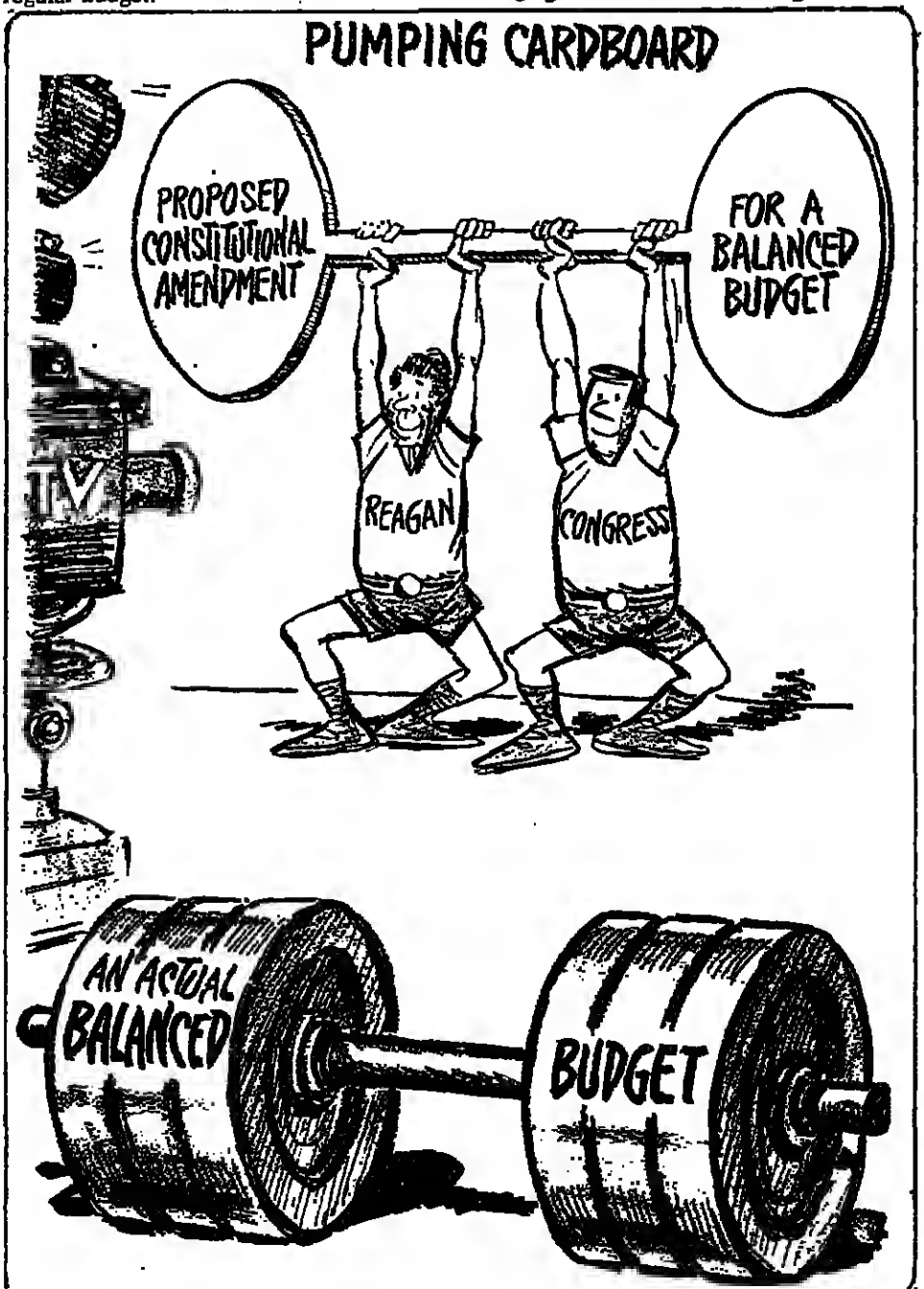
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3.	Gemara	S.S.M.S.C.	Rice/Mex/Song/Gen.	2.8.82
4.	Hellenic Seaman	Alpha	Rice/Gen/Conts	1.8.82
5.	Safine-e-Rehmat	S.C.S.A.	Rice/General	1.8.82
6.	Multan	A.E.T.	Resin/Lube Oil	2.8.82
7.	Aniolo	El Hawi	Gen./Conts	30.7.82
8.	Family Ivory	S.N.L.	Gen./Conts	31.7.82
9.	Alexanders Faith	Star Nav.	Durra	16.8.82
10.	Golden Sun	Basboud	Files/Tim/Gen.	29.7.82
11.	Dongola	A.E.T.	F.MI/Sug/Gen/Stl	2.8.82
12.	Almar	Shobokshi	Stl/Tim/Gen/Pls	1.8.82
13.	Samira	Abdallah	Conts/Steel/Gen.	28.7.82
14.	Stirling Universal	Star	Reefer	1.8.82
15.	Lanka Ratna	Gulf	Tea	2.8.82
16.	Rana I	Alsbah	Tim/Pls	2.8.82
17.	Medicament Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.7.82
18.	Izola	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	26.7.82
19.	Khoutoum	A.E.T.	Durra	31.7.82
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21.	Angeel Harmony	Kanoo	Stl/Lumber	2.8.82
22.	Theekar	Kanoo	Gen./Conts	1.8.82
23.	Kang Da	Shobokshi	Gen./Conts	1.8.82
24.	Hiko Skater	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.7.82
25.	Aegean Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.7.82
26.	Donam Frontier	Kanoo	Stl/Pls/Gen.	31.7.82

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5.	Dresden	Kanoo	Gen./Conts
6.	Highseasplendour	Alasada	General
7.	Cherry	UEP	Steel Products
8.	Apostolos-K	Kanoo	Steel
9.	Cer Agility	UEP	General
10.	Trout Bank	Alireza	Steel/Gen./Conts
11.	Glouchau	UEP	Gen./Conts
12.	Al Mudena	Rezzayat	Conase Contrs.
13.	Barber Nara	Gosaihi	Gen./Conts
14.	Carayle	Gosaihi	Bagged Barley/Rice
15.	Golden Venture	Kanoo	Bauxite
16.	Drav	Kanoo	Timber/Gen.
17.	State of Meghalaya	Alasada	General
18.	The Daisy	Gosaihi	Plywood
19.	Jinse Maru	Alireza	Cars
20.	Pesra Flag	Alasabah	Cement Silo Vessel
21.	Mino Maru (DB)	Alireza	Bulk Cement
22.	Berge Unicement	Globe	Cement Silo Vessel



Syria increases price of fuel oils

DAMASCUS, Aug. 3 (AP) — Syria has increased the price of fuel oils, gasoline and a travel tax to make up for the shortfall, according to press reports Tuesday.

Syria's government-controlled press said that airport tax on Syrians wishing to travel to Arab countries had been increased from 15 Syrian pounds (\$3) to 50 Syrian pounds (\$10) and from 150 pounds (\$30) to 400 Syrian pounds (\$80). For other destinations the price for obtaining a passport has also risen from 200 Syrian pounds (\$40) to 400 pounds (\$80).

Ten percent increase in the price of gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil and gasoil was also reported by Syrian residents although this was not reported in the government-

Travel tax up

controlled newspapers. Before Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon, Syria maintained a 30,000 man peacekeeping force in Lebanon to police the 1975-76 civil war armistice. The force known as the Arab deterrent force, was established by a mandate of the Arab League, while its expenses were covered from Arab states.

Although the bulk of the Syrian forces has been confined to Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, after the Israeli invasion, some Syrian troops have been fighting alongside Palestine Liberation Organization commandos against Israeli troops in West Beirut.

Syria, a Socialist non-oil producing nation, is heavily dependent on Arab funds.

After Carter puts Expos ahead

Diaz dazzles in Phillies' rally

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP) — Bo Diaz drove in both runs with his 17th home run and a sacrifice fly Monday night as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Montreal Expos 2-1.

Larry Christenson, 7-5, scattered eight hits over seven innings before leaving with a sore back and then got shutout relief help from Ron Reed and Tug McGraw, who posted his fifth save of the season. Christenson had back spasms and was carried out on a stretcher to

the dugout. Bill Gullickson, 8-9, was the loser although he gave up just five hits.

The Expos took a 1-0 lead in the third, on Gary Carter's RBI groundout. Diaz leveled the score in the fourth when he led off with a homer. The Phillies delivered the match-winning run in the fifth. Ivan DeJesus led with one out and secured third. Schmidt was intentionally walked to load the bases before Diaz hit a sacrifice fly.

Elsewhere in the National League, Mario

Soto tossed a six-hitter, and Mike Vail singled twice and drove in two runs to lift the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-1 victory over Los Angeles, ending the Dodgers' winning streak.

Atlanta reeled off five consecutive two-out RBI singles in the third inning, including one by pitcher Bob Walk, as the Braves snapped a four-game losing streak with a 7-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Jose Cruz hit a one-run double in the eighth inning to cap a five-run rally that lifted the Houston Astros to a 6-4 victory over the San Diego Padres.

In the American League, John Tudor posted his first victory in six weeks with relief help from Bob Stanley as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-2. Alfredo Griffin drove in three runs and Buck Martinez and Damaso Garcia each knocked in a pair as the Toronto Blue Jays trounced the Milwaukee Brewers 9-4.

Rick Sutcliffe pitched a five-hitter and Mike Fichlin's two-run single keyed a six-run second inning as the Cleveland Indians downed the Texas Rangers 6-2. Frank White singled with one out in the 10th and scored on a bloop double by Don Slaught as Kansas City downed the Detroit Tigers 6-5 for the Royals' fifth straight win.

In a contest that lasted nearly five hours, Johnny Ray hit a two-run triple with one out in the 17th inning, giving the Pittsburgh Pirates a 4-2 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League's longest game of the year.

Rickey Henderson stole his 100th base of the season, tying his American League record, and scored the winning run in a four-run seventh inning which gave the Oakland A's a 6-5 victory over Seattle Mariners.

Ron Washington's two-run single in the ninth capped a furious Minnesota rally as the Twins scored nine times in the last three innings to down California 9-7, dropping the Angels .002 behind first-place Kansas City in the American League west.

Aaron, Robinson inducted into Hall of Fame

By Dawn Liddicoat
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 3 — Hank Aaron, baseball's all-time home-run king, and Frank Robinson, the only man to be selected most valuable player in both the American and National Leagues, were inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame Sunday in New York. Aaron and Robinson were inducted into the Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility, having been retired as active players for five years. They were the 12th and 13th players selected in their first year of eligibility.

Aaron broke baseball's all-time home-run record in 1974 and finished up his 23-year career with 755 home runs. "Twenty-three years ago, I recognized talent I had and tried to develop it to the best of my ability," Aaron said. "But I never dreamed then that I would be in the Hall of Fame." Aaron began his career in 1954 with the Atlanta Braves and remained with them until the final two years of his career, when he played with the Milwaukee Brewers.



Robinson... MVP in both leagues

Robinson entered the major leagues with Cincinnati in 1956 then was traded to Baltimore in 1966. He spent 21 seasons in the Major League and totaled 2,945 hits, 589 of them home runs. Robinson was named most valuable player (MVP) in the National League in 1961 and in the American League in 1966. He now manages the San Francisco Giants.

To give Leicester innings win

Les Taylor rocks Gloucester

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Les Taylor, who put himself out of contention for an England place for three years when he went on the so-called "rebel" tour of South Africa during the winter, helped bowl out Gloucestershire twice in the day at Grace Road to give Leicestershire victory by an innings and 45 runs in the County Cricket Championship Monday.

Taylor took five for 24 and three for nine, giving him eight for 33 before he was forced to leave the field with stomach pains. Gloucestershire were shot out for 70 and 129, as Leicestershire scored their third successive championship win.

The 22 points they earned put Leicestershire into second place in the table below Middlesex, and with Surrey and Sussex held up by the weather, they could remain there after the other games end Tuesday.

An individual performance even more impressive than Taylor's came from West Indian Joel Garner. The lanky fast bowler took six for 23 and five for 57 and in between hit 40 not out. But even that was not good enough to produce a victory for Somerset.

And the man who brought about Somerset's downfall was another West Indian fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, whose inspired bowling enabled the Hants to snatch a thrilling 10-run victory. Marshall grabbed five for 37 and Trevor Jesty took four for eight as

Haider slams century

By a Staff Writer

YANBU, Aug. 3 — Shoa Haider slammed a unbeaten 140 to lead Saudi Arabian Parsons to a fluent victory over NESMA in the All-Yanbu (30 overs) Cricket tournament at the Royal Commission ground last weekend.

SAP, making first use of the wicket totalled 259 for 4, thanks to the sparkling century by Haider and a bright 67 by Zia. Zia, struck with the ball too claiming four for 27 as NESMA were skittled for 103.

Somerset, needing 83 for victory, collapsed to 72 all out. Garner's 40 helped Somerset take a lead of 75 runs in the first innings and his fiery spell, which gave him a match haul of 11 for 80. A total of 23 wickets tumbled in a day at Bournemouth.

Surrey's hopes of success were held up by Peter Kirsten as well as rain at Derby. Facing a declared total of 401 for nine, Derbyshire were struggling, with Barry Wood and John Wright already back in the pavilion and only 22 on the board.

But Kirsten completed his third century in four innings and made 145 in a score of 221 for four when a violent thunderstorm was held out play for the day. Kirsten's century, the fifth of the season, included a six and 17 fours.

Nottinghamshire, hoping to end a run of five defeats, bowled well to limit Lancashire to a first innings lead of one run and then, with the help of a sound 68 not out from John Birch, opened up a lead of 182 with four wickets left. Northamptonshire were leading Worcestershire by 139 with eight wickets in hand when bad light brought a premature close at Northampton. Tim Lamb played a leading part in taking five for 37, and at one point Worcestershire lost three men for ten runs, but recovered slightly to total 112.

Middlesex found it hard going at Lord's. They will start the last day on 236 for six in reply to Kent's 312 and a positive result now seems unlikely. John Emburey was unbeaten on 67.

Yorkshire made a spirited declaration, 53 runs behind Sussex, at Scarborough, and took a Sussex wicket in the remaining period to have their opponents at 18 for one. Former England opener Geoff Boycott slammed 52 in his side's total of 150 for four declared.

Essex were also in a spot against cellar team Glamorgan. The Welsh side, which took a lead of 102 runs when Essex declared at 154 for nine, had swelled the lead by 99 runs for the loss of three wickets.



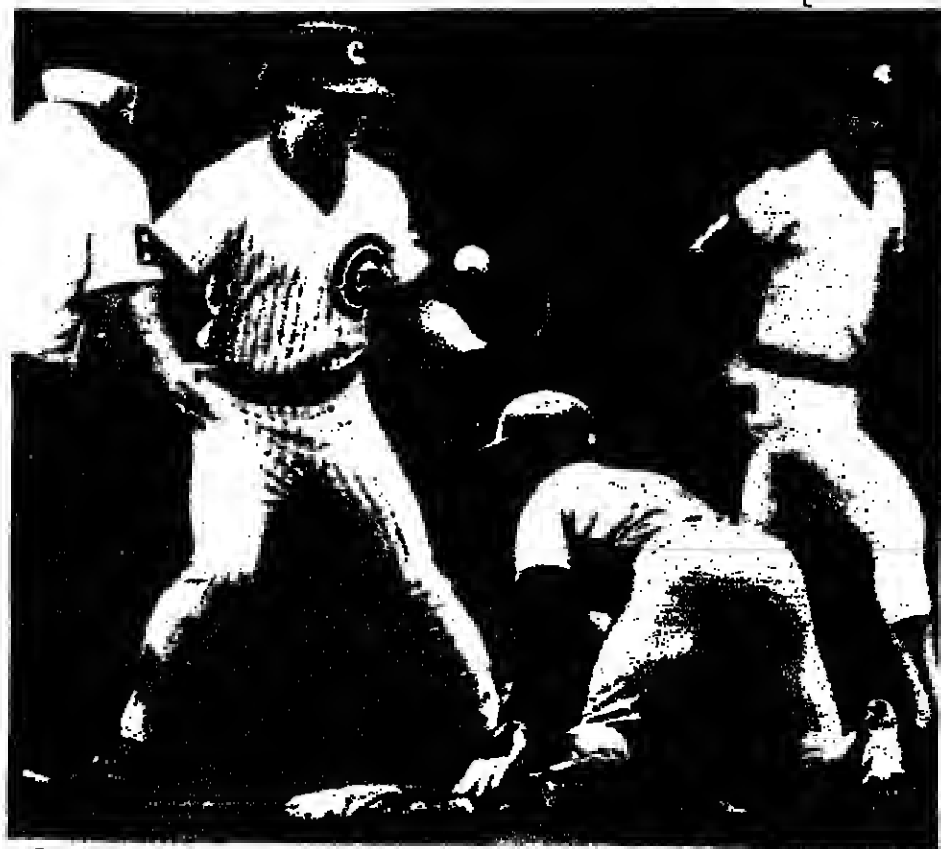
Lendl... foiled by rain

Jaeger, Chris have it easy

PERTH, Australia Aug. 3 (AP) — American Andrea Jaeger defeated Evonne Goolagong of Australia 6-1, 6-3 and Chris Evert Lloyd downed Sue Barker of Britain 6-0, 6-4 Monday in the Swan Gold Women's Tennis challenge at the Perth Entertainment Centre.

Jaeger needed only 50 minutes to crush Goolagong, a former Wimbledon champion. Jaeger whipped past her foe in just 26 minutes to capture the first set, breaking Goolagong's service three times, using a powerful backhand to do most of the damage. Lloyd stopped the spirited Barker, marching through the first set in 25 minutes and needed 47 minutes to take the second set.

Jaeger and Lloyd will meet in the finals Tuesday and Barker will meet Goolagong for third place.



SAFE STEAL: Montreal Expos' baserunner Tim Raines (on four) safely steals second base during second inning play as Chicago Cubs' second baseman Bump Wills bobbles a throw from catcher Keith Moreland (not in pic) in a recent National Baseball League action as second base umpire Doug Harvey (left) watches closely. The Expos won 4-3.

Major League standings

American League				National League					
East	Eastern Division			West	Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	59	44	.573	—	Philadelphia	59	43	.578	—
Milwaukee	58	44	.573	—	St. Louis	58	46	.558	2 1/2
Baltimore	54	46	.540	3 1/2	Pittsburgh	55	46	.545	3 1/2
New York	50	48	.510	6 1/2	Montreal	54	48	.529	5
Cleveland	51	50	.505	7	New York	45	57	.441	14
Detroit	51	50	.505	7	Chicago	41	65	.387	20
Toronto	40	53	.430	9 1/2					
Western Division				Eastern Division					
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	58	44	.569	—	Atlanta	62	41	.602	—
California	59	45	.567	—	San Diego	56	49	.533	7
Chicago	52	49	.515	5 1/2	Los Angeles	56	50	.528	7 1/2
Seattle	52	52	.500	7	San Francisco	50	55	.476	13
Oakland	45	61	.425	15	Houston	47	56	.456	15
					Cincinnati	39	66	.371	24

As rain abandons play

Lendl, Higuera share title

NORTH CONWAY, New Hampshire, Aug. 3 (AP) — Torrential rains deprived Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl of a big chunk of prize-money here Monday.

The heavy rain meant that the final of the North Conway Grand Prix Tennis tournament had to be abandoned and according to Grand Prix rules, the final was declared void and the two players were named joint-winners, sharing the \$32,000 first prize.

Lendl, the second seed won the first set and was leading Spain's Jose Higuera 3-2 in the second set when rain came after 80 minutes of play and forced the abandonment.

Lendl, who has won \$1.5 million and 10 tournaments this year, started slowly, falling behind 3-1. But he lost only five points in the last five games of the first set to keep intact his record of never losing a set in four matches against Higuera.

The pair split service breaks in the second set and Lendl held serve in the fifth game before play was halted.

Meanwhile, Italian Open champion Andre Agassi of Ecuador overcame a sluggish start to defeat American Tim Wilkison in straight sets and move into the second round of the \$450,000 U.S. Open Clay Court Championships.

Gomez, seeded sixth here, trailed the 22-year-old 3-5 in the opening set with Wilkison serving. Gomez then produced the fourth service break of the set and went on to victory, 7-5, 6-2.

Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beat U.S. Junior Davis Cupper Jon Levine 6-3, 6-2. In another late match, No. 3 seed Mats Wilander downed Stephan Simonsson 6-3, 6-3 in a battle of Swedish stars.

In other first-round matches Monday, Balazs Taroczy of Hungary defeated American Terry Moor 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; teenager Jimmy Arias of the United States topped Sergio Casal of Spain 7-6, 6-3, and No. 14 Hans Gildemeister of Chile upended Colin Dowdeswell of Switzerland 7-6, 6-2.

The only seeded player in the men's field eliminated in Monday's first-round action was No. 13 Kim Warwick of Australia, who fell to Bolivia's Mario Martinez 6-3, 6-1.

In Women's play, fourth-seeded Bonnie Gadusek topped fellow American Kelly Henry 6-1, 6-2 to move into the third round, as did Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova, the No. 7 seed who defeated Kathleen Cummings of the United States 6-3, 6-1.

"I played much better than I have in the last four weeks," said Gomez, 22. "I've been a little tired, I didn't get enough rest after the French Open. My confidence has been down."

The momentum of the match shifted as Wilkison was serving in the 11th game of the opening set. The game was tied 30-30 when Wilkison double-faulted and Gomez went on to break his opponent for the third time in the set.

"That was a key because if he had won the first set, I don't know if I could have won in three sets in this (hot, humid) weather. It would have been most difficult," Gomez said. "I think he got a little disappointed after the first set," Gomez said. "Then he let down."

American Bruce Manson upset sixth-seeded Shlomo Glickstein in the first round of the \$100,000 National Revenue tournament in suburban Grove City, Manson, a former all-American at Southern California, defeated Glickstein 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

"I knew I had to keep him moving away from the good shots if I was to have any chance of beating him," Manson said on his victory, coming after a two-week layoff from tournament competition.

"I was able to score on my passing shots, and I kept the pressure on him to make him play more defensively," Manson said. Glickstein won three straight games in the first set and went on to take a one-set advantage, but fell to Manson's deadly accuracy in the second set, dropping the final four games.

Manson's supremacy showed in the third set as he marched to a 4-0 lead, lost two straight games, then closed it out with a pair of aces. Tim Mayotte sidelined Henri Leconte of Paris 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in Mayotte's first match of his second year on the pro tournament circuit.

In other first-round matches, David Pate defeated Erik Iskenky, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, and Tom Cain ousted Garth Haynes, 6-2, 6-4.

Duran opts to fight Tony Ayala

PENNSYLVANIA, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Panamanian boxer Roberto Duran has canceled a scheduled world light middleweight title bout with Davey Moore and opted for a non-title meeting with Tony Ayala on the same day.

Last week promoter Don King announced he had arranged for Duran to meet Ayala, an American who is unbeaten in 21 fights, at a venue to be fixed on November 19.

Within hours rival promoter Bob Arum declared that Duran had agreed to meet another American, Moore, on the same date. Moore's World Boxing Association title would be at stake, he said.

But Duran said here Tuesday that he would definitely be fighting Ayala, ranked No. 3 at the weight after a first round victory over Robbie Epps at the weekend.

Speaking at the Easton Gymnasium where he trains alongside heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, he said: "There was a mis-understanding and a clash of dates when I signed with Arum."

Duran, a former lightweight and welter-weight champion, said he received a \$25,000 advance from Arum, but paid it back two days later. Meanwhile, the Panamanian fighter is in training for a fight with former British welterweight champion Kirkland Laing on Sept. 4. The venue for that bout is also still undecided.

China demands return of star

PEKING, Aug. 3, (R) — China Tuesday demanded the return of its best-known woman tennis star, Hu Na, who has applied for political asylum in the United States, warning that Sino-U.S. relations would suffer if she was not sent back.

Hu, 19, disappeared on July 21 while taking part in the annual Federation Cup Tournament in Santa Clara, California. A San Francisco lawyer said later she had applied for political asylum and was in hiding.

Diplomatic sources said the affair was likely to cause increased tension in Sino-American relations, which are already strained as a result of U.S. plans to sell more weapons to Taiwan.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, in the first official comment on the affair, said: "Hu Na went to the United States to take part in the international competition at the invitation of the U.S. Tennis Association, so the U.S. side should be responsible for guarding the personal safety of the Chinese players and should return Hu Na."

"Such an incident is sure to adversely affect the cultural exchange between the two countries," the spokesman added. According to David Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation, Hu Na has the potential to become one of the world's top women players.

Gray also quoted the captain of the Chinese women's tennis team of which Hu was a member, as promising she would not be disciplined if she returned to China and would be able to continue her tennis career.

Byrne joins Theodore

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Hong Kong owned Formula One team Theodore have signed their fourth driver of the season for next weekend's West German Grand Prix at Hockenheim.

Millionaire businessman Teddy Yip is continuing his policy of encouraging promising young drivers by calling up Irishman Tommy Byrne direct from Formula Three Motor Racing.

The 24-year-old Byrne is currently leading the Marlboro British Formula Three Championship for the Silverstone-based Murray Taylor team. He was offered a Formula One opportunity by Yip following a highly successful test drive with the Theodore on the Moulton Park circuit this week.

The Hong Kong outfit began the season with another Irishman, Derek Daly, behind the wheel. His encouraging performances attracted the attention of the Williams team and he was soon taken on by Frank Williams to replace Carlos Reutemann.

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To give Brazil first medal

Prado splashes to new mark in 400m medley

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Aug. 3 (R) — Ricardo Prado of Brazil became the popular sensation of the World Swimming Championships Monday night, setting a world record in the 400 meters individual medley to win Latin America's first-ever swimming gold.

Roared on by a delirious crowd here, Prado came home clear of the field in four minutes 19.78 seconds, clipping 27, 100s of a second off American Jesse Vassallo's record set in August, 1978.

Anemarie Verstappen won the Netherlands' first-ever gold medal in the women's 200 meters freestyle, while Greg Louganis of the United States put on one of the finest diving exhibitions of all time to capture gold in the men's springboard event.

Svetlana Varganova of the Soviet Union came within half a second of the world record in the women's 200 meters breaststroke. Her time of two minutes 28.82 seconds was more than one-and-a-quarter seconds inside the championship record she set in the morning's heats but outside her compatriot Lina Kachushite's 1979 world mark.

The powerful United States' relay team led from start to finish in the men's 4x200 freestyle, as expected, but failed to break the world record set by their predecessors in 1978.

The Americans — Rich Saeger, Jeff Float, Kyle Miller and Rowley Gaines — finished in seven minutes 26.36 seconds, just outside the previous best of 7:20.82. "We were certainly

shooting for the record," team coach Mark Schubert said afterwards.

Schubert had plenty to be pleased about, however, as Matt Gribble won the first gold of the action-packed evening in the men's 100 meters butterfly. The American coach could even legitimately claim a share in Prado's triumph as he has trained the 18-year-old Brazilian at the Mission Viejo Swimming Club in California.

Prado, who was born in Sao Paulo and belonged to Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo silver medalist Jens-Peter Berndt, was

Medals tally				
	G	S	B	
United States	6	4	3	
East Germany	2	3	1	
Soviet Union	1	2	2	
Canada	1	1	1	
Netherlands	1	1	1	
West Germany	1	1	1	
Brazil	1	0	0	
Japan	0	0	2	
China	0	0	1	
Sweden	0	0	1	

Sports Club, won an immensely popular victory, with virtually the whole stadium helping him home. "The crowd was great for me in the race. Their cheering really helped me," he said. Sergei Fessenko of the Soviet Union took a slight lead in the opening butterfly leg, but Prado cruised past him in the backstroke, hung on in front in the breaststroke and cruised home in the freestyle.

The slightly built Brazilian, who barely measured up to the shoulder of East German

helped by the absence of Jesse Vassallo, a colleague at Mission Viejo, who failed to qualify.

"I wish Jesse had been here to swim this race, he deserved to be here," he said. "He is a good friend and we have worked hard together in training." Vassallo failed to make the U.S. team. "Since morning there's been a lot of pressure because I wanted to be the first in the world for my country," he said. "There are still two years to go to the Olympics, but hopefully I'll be there."

Prado, who went to the United States to pursue his swimming, will be studying at a University in Dallas, Texas. Fessenko took the bronze.

Verstappen, 16, surprised a strong field with a storming second length in her 200 meters freestyle victory. At the half-way mark, she was two meters ahead of East German silver medalist Birgit Meineke and held on to win. Annelies Maas made it a great night for the Netherlands by taking the bronze, a fingertip behind Meineke.

The women's 200 meters breaststroke was a duel between Varganova and East Germany's Ute Geweniger, who won the silver. The two East Bloc girls were on their own for three-quarters of the race but the four-way tussle for the bronze was close, with Canada's Anne Ottenbrite getting the touch.

The closest race of the day, the second of the racing program, was the 100 meters butterfly. Florida University student Gribble, finished a forearm's length ahead of the pack,

while 200 meters freestyle gold medalist Michael Gross of West Germany reached out for the silver, ahead of Bengt Baron of Sweden.

The relay gave two top U.S. swimmers a chance to make up for previous disappointments in the championships. Rich Saeger, who went out in the heats of the 200 meters freestyle after stopping, confused by the starting signal, gave the Americans a two-meter lead on the first leg. Float increased the gap slightly in the second, Miller held off the Russian Vladimir Salnikov in the third and Gaines, bitterly disappointed at losing Sunday's 200 meters freestyle final streaked home.

By winning the gold medal for diving from a three meter springboard America's Greg Louganis has proved that he is once more in peak condition. He was world highboard champion in 1978 but since then has been the victim of a series of injuries. The latest, in a shoulder, almost kept him out of the current championships.

His new victory was achieved by a margin of 100 points and has boosted his hopes of retaining the highboard title when that event is contested on Saturday.

Louganis did not even need to make his last dive in order to beat Soviet challengers Sergei Kuznin and Alexander Portov. The Chinese divers failed to live up to their promise. The most successful, Li Kongzheng, finished only in fourth place, 125 points behind Louganis.

Jeddah RFC gets in shape for new season

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Jeddah RFC, Saudi Arabia's top rugby union side, gears itself for the forthcoming season following the culmination of an highly successful last season.

The Jeddah RFC, which commences training from the first week of August, reverts to its original schedule of physical fitness on Tuesday and an evening tactical session Thursday.

The Kingdom's premier rugby club will be under the generalship of prop forward Steve Gilchrist, a team member for the last two seasons. Gilchrist, who has proved to be an able general, took over charge from Blomfield just before the Sevens tournament last year. And under his leadership the team has won the Binladin Telecommunication Sevens at Jeddah and fought a highly creditable draw with Bahrain on the latter's soil.

The Bahrain performance enhanced the club's reputation in the Gulf, and consequently the coming season's fixture list is greatly strengthened. Peter Jenkins takes over as chairman of the team, a post he acquired mid-season last year with the departure of Peithers. Keith Robertson, one again, has been named Jenkins' stand in, to take over in Jenkins' absence.

During the close season, many new faces turned up for the weekly training session, but the majority of the squad remains the same as last season.

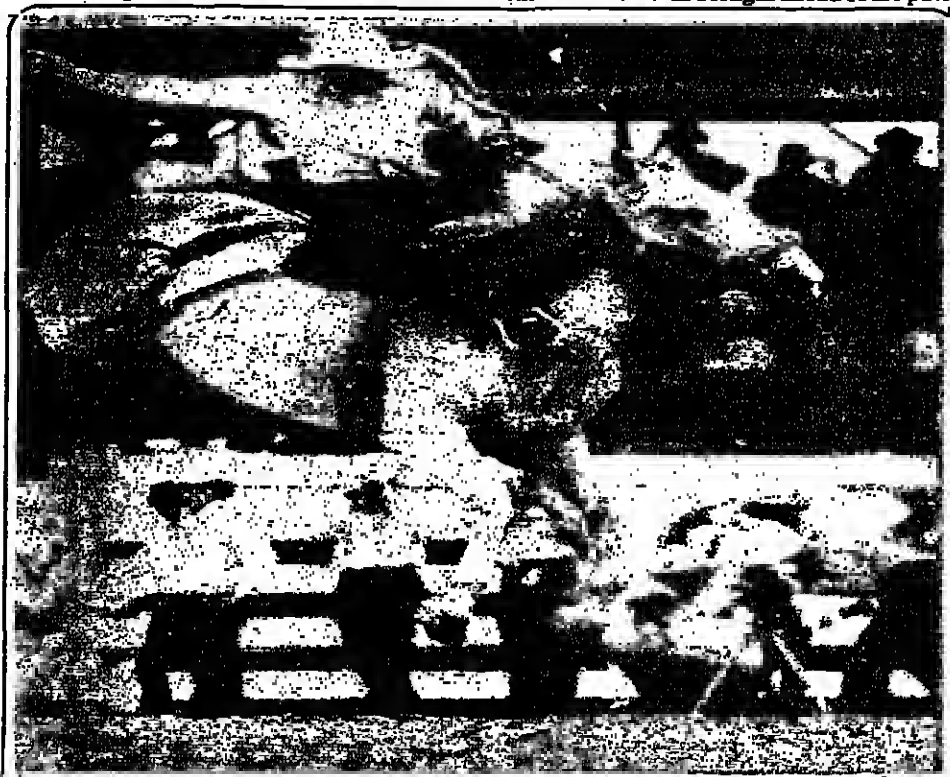
Gilchrist is joined at prop by Irish 'B' Cup player Alan Hendry. With the loss of Mac MacMahon this leaves the team short of cover for this position. And with Blomfield having departed, the hooker berth is one of the main problems for the new captain. Flanker Phil Purnell, who proved very capable in the Sevens, would have been the most likely choice for the position. But a neck injury discounts him. In all probability John Britten may be persuaded to fill the spot.

The second row will be fought out by last year's squad members — England finalist Steve Newsoms, Paul Nolan, Gerry Yeager and Gerald Davies. The back row is overflowing with talent, Dave Adamson, Bob Phillips and Phil Purnell should continue, but a strong challenger for a starting place is Phil Claridge.

The three quarters have also had an influx of new talent, but at present it would seem old starters Peter Jenkins and Dick Fort will contest the scrum half berth. Should Jenkins prefer to stay at No. 9 in preference to his normal full back position, Fort could be worth a try at fly half. The other possibility is that Brian Gill, who developed well as a center last season. The center pairing at the beginning of last season Mortimer Griffith and Phil Murray may well operate likewise.

Others of note include Micky Lyons and Roger Harris for the center position. The wing positions should be decided between Lyons, Keith Pollinger and Alan Green. Apart from Jean Dennis, full back would also seem a problem position for the club.

Training information could be sought from Paul Scanlon on 6820030 and 6823006.



RIDING HIGH: Cowboy Spark Bewley holds his own against a hucking bronc at a recently concluded Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo. The big gray horse, named Nine Bar, and Bewley are depicted in an intriguing contest of supremacy between brains and brawn.

Ovett out to prove his mettle

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Steve Ovett will have the chance to post a European qualifying time when he competes in the Thorn EMI Video International meeting at Crystal Palace here on Saturday.

A special 1500 meters race has been arranged by the British Athletic Board to accommodate Ovett, whose season has been disrupted by injury.

The world record holder won a comeback 800 meters in Edinburgh last weekend and now wants to meet the U.K. qualifying standard of 3:37.50 secs to enable him to run in the European Championships in Athens this October.

Frank Dick, the top national coach, said in London Tuesday, "Ovett is clearly on his way back and we have made a race for him. He was originally going to compete in the 1,000m but we have arranged a 1500 to accommodate him."

Allan Wells, the Olympic sprint champion, is booked to take on top American Mel Latany in the 100m if he recovers from a throat infection. The meeting also gives Britain's top 800m men a chance to win places in Athens. The one major absentee is world record holder Sebastian Coe, but the British

Board is likely to leave a place open for him if he can prove his fitness.

The other leading contenders in the two lap event are Garry Cook, the second fastest man in the world this year, Peter Elliott, the 19-year-old AAA champion and Scotland's Paul Forbe.

Steve Cram and Graham Williamson renew their rivalry in the 1,000 meters while Dave Moorcroft runs in the 2,000 meters.

Meanwhile, Olympic 200 meter champion and world record holder Pietro Mennea of Italy is set to make a comeback later this month. Milan daily newspaper *Il Giornale* reported.

The 30-year-old sprinter, who retired in the spring of last year, is preparing to take part in a meeting at Tirrenia, near Pisa on August 25. *Il Giornale* wrote that Mennea will compete over the 300 meters distance and follow with a 500 meters aim for a place in Italy's 4 x 400 meters relay team for the European Championship.

BRIEFS

NORTHAMPTON, England (AP) — Dutch motorcycle ace Jack Middleburg, injured in the accident that nearly claimed the life of former world champion Barry Sheene, Monday called for an inquiry into safety standards at the Silverstone track. Middleburg, who suffered back injuries in a high-speed practice crash last Wednesday that left Sheene with two broken legs and a fractured wrist, was released from hospital Monday afternoon.

MELBOURNE, (AFP) — Australia's Davis Cup semifinal against the United States, scheduled for Perth in October, will be played at night. It will be the first time a Davis Cup match has been played at night in Australia. The timing has been chosen to avoid national television coverage of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

PARIS, (AFP) — Jose Higuera of Spain moved up several places in the men's Grand Prix standings after his rain-off final against Ivan Lendl in the North Conway Tournament over the weekend. The 29-year-old from Barcelona, who fifth in the standings, has made a fine comeback to the top flight this year after a severe bout of hepatitis which weakened him for two years.

KARACHI, (AFP) — Medium-pace bowler Jalaluddin left here Tuesday for London to strengthen the depleted Pakistani pace attack in the present cricket Test series against England. He has been sent to London by the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan in view of the injuries sustained by fast bowler Imran Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz.

OAXACA, Mexico (AFP) — A truck carrying two baseball teams plunged into a ravine near this southern Mexican village, killing 17 and injuring five, police said Tuesday. The players were returning home after a game in a nearby town.



Rummenigge...denies allegation



Stielike...sets ball rolling

Germans kick up dust over team's showing

BONN, Aug. 3, (R) — The West Germany soccer squad, feted by thousands of fans just three-weeks ago on its return from the World Cup, is now on the rack.

The injury-hit West German side went all the way to the final before losing 3-1 to Italy but, as the rejoicing faded, disquiet is growing about some of the less savory aspects of their performance in Spain.

Fans, officials and the press have re-examined suspicions that the tame 1-0 first round win over Austria, which assured both teams of a place in the second phase, may have been rigged. Another incident not forgotten has been goalkeeper Toni Schumacher's horrific bodycheck on French substitute Patrick Battiston, who came out of the clash minus three teeth and ended up in hospital, during the semifinal.

As criticism increased a plainly worried government asked its embassies whether the squad's behavior had damaged West Germany's image abroad. The West German Football Association (DFB) joined in the attack on its own team and even some star players added spice to the controversy by leveling a series of back-biting allegations about each other in the press.

Bonn's foreign ministry said, with obvious relief, that reports by its embassies showed no lasting damage to the country's image abroad though West Germany's standing as a soccer power had been tarnished.

Almost from the kick-off, the team were lambasted in Spain for their off-the-pitch behavior and one Madrid newspaper referred to them as "The ugly Germans." The West German interior ministry has said the players' behavior would be raised with the DFB. The DFB said criticism of the team was exaggerated but it admitted mistakes had been made, saying the performance against the Austrians was far from satisfactory.

That match was particularly embarrassing to fans at home as the plainly effortless 1-0

victory allowed both teams to qualify at the expense of Algeria, shock 2-1 winners over the West Germans in the opening game. The DFB denied that the match had been fixed but said the lessons both of the defeat against Algeria would have to be discussed.

The DFB also criticized Schumacher but said the goalkeeper had not intentionally injured his opponent. Schumacher was sharply criticized in the press, both in France and West Germany, for refusing to apologize for the incident after the match. However, he later relented and traveled to France for a reconciliation with Battiston who also suffered a concussion.

The association suggested some of the problems experienced by the squad in Spain could be overcome by restricting press access, which it said may have contributed to the unfavorable publicity.

One outcome of the negative publicity, according to DFB executive member Alfred Finkbeiner, is that there is unlikely to be a rush by youngsters keen to play football as there was after West Germany won the World Cup in 1974.

The players themselves have hardly contributed to promoting a positive image with their running squabbles in the press. Sweeper Uli Stielike started the ball rolling by accusing European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of jeopardizing the team's chances in the final by playing when not fully fit.

Rummenigge retorted by claiming Stielike was at fault at two of the Italian goals but denied new allegations this week that he offered injured striker Uwe Reinders 5,000 marks (\$2,000) to punch Stielike in the face at halftime in the final when the sweeper demanded Rummenigge be substituted.

The DFB, which says it wants a thorough investigation to improve preparations for the next World Cup, said that despite the criticisms West Germany was successful in Spain.

Football roundup

Wolves sack Ian Greaves

WOLVERHAMPTON, England, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — English football club Wolverhampton Wanderers were saved from extinction last Friday, but manager Ian Greaves was not so fortunate Tuesday.

He was sacked by the club's new chairman and chief executive, former Wolves player Derek Dougan, after Greaves had turned down a request to resign. Greaves had failed to keep Wolves in the English First Division this season after taking over as manager last February when John Barnwell quit.

Dougan, who headed the new consortium which saved the club last Friday, said a successor would be named as soon as possible. "Clearly Ian Greaves has had a very difficult time in the past few months, under four bosses in the last six months. However, I have made it abundantly clear right from the start that we intend to have our own men with us and we thus believe it is in the interests of Wolves that a change be made," Dougan said.

Meanwhile, the director of Mundiespana, the much-criticized consortium which handled World Cup foreign ticket sales, died suddenly Tuesday following a heart failure, in Madrid.

Jose Maria Maldonado was taken ill late Monday night at the Madrid hotel where he was spending a few days. Mundiespana's role has been controversial almost since it was set up and complaints poured into the World Cup organizing committee.

Its decision to sell only package deals of match tickets, accommodation and transport led to allegations that it was making the World Cup too expensive for many football fans.

The Spanish ministry of tourism is conducting an inquiry into its affairs and the consortium could be fined five to 15 million pesetas (\$45,000 to 135,000).

The group comprised four travel agencies and four hotel chains and held the monopoly for selling match tickets abroad.

While Mundiespana was coming under fire in Spain, the Italian government decided to issue a special postage stamp by the end of the month dedicated to the Italian soccer team which won the World Cup. It was reported in Rome. The stamp will be priced 1,000 lire and designed by noted Italian painter Renato Guttuso.

Italy also gained in the soccer front when the Fluminense soccer club of Rio de Janeiro sold defenseman Edinho to Udinese for \$500,000 in cash and a guarantee of \$200,000 more from future games. Earlier the player, who as a substitute in this year's Brazilian team in the World Cup, had sued Fluminense in a local sports tribunal because the club refused to release him from his contract.

Fluminense's vice-president for legal affairs, Zenildo Costa de Araujo Silva called the revised decision to sell Edinho now "a reasonable fair and honest deal which maintained our club's good name and kept everyone happy."

"As a fan I was sorry to see Edinho go. But as a representative of Fluminense, I think we did very well," Araujo Silva added.

Under the deal, Udinese will pay expenses for a 25-member Fluminense delegation to play four exhibition matches in Italy against First Division teams.

Edinho played for 13 years with Fluminense. In the 1978 World Cup he was taken out of his normal position in the backfield and made starting left wing. He played poorly, and Brazil finished third. Edinho said he was "happy and sad" about going to Udinese — happy because of a chance to make more money, and sad because of leaving his long-time Brazilian teammates.

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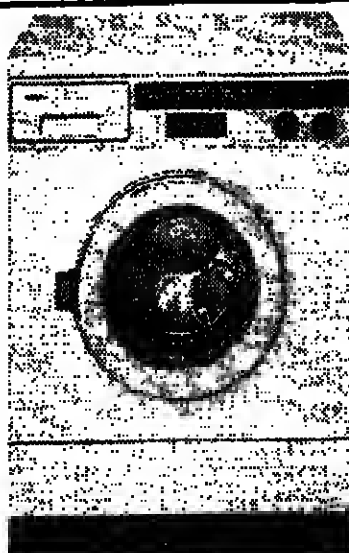
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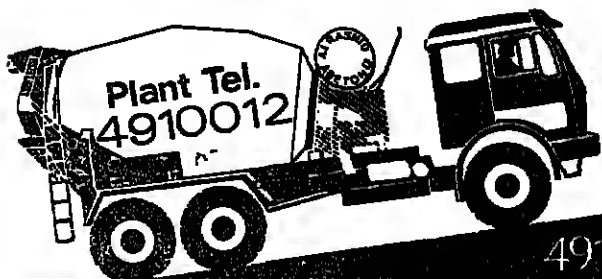
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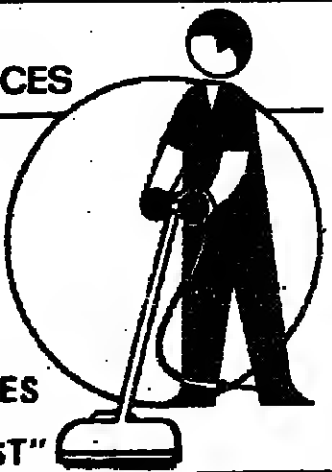
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Peking stirs up bad memories

Books row may hit Suzuki trip

PEKING, Aug. 3 (AFP) — China failed to rule out Tuesday the possibility that it might cancel Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki's scheduled visit, as a result of Japan's revision of textbook accounts of its military past.

China has vigorously protested the toned-down Japanese version of events before and during World War II. Asked if the controversy could affect Suzuki's visit here late next month, a government spokesman said only: "We have no comment."

Peking has canceled a visit here next month by Japanese Education Minister Heiji Ogawa as a sign of its displeasure at the textbook accounts, describing Japan's 1937 move into China as an "advance" rather than an "invasion."

But Japanese diplomats in the Chinese capital felt that the dispute could be settled before Suzuki's trip, organized as part of celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of the normalization of Sino-Japanese ties.

(In Tokyo, Suzuki told reporters Tuesday that the textbook affair should not affect his China trip and said that there would "prob-

ably not" be any fallout from the cancellation of his education minister's visit.)

The dates for Suzuki's planned visit have not yet been made public, but reliable sources here said that the Japanese leader was tentatively expected about Sept. 26.

The journey was arranged as a follow-up to Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang's June trip to Japan, where he was given an exceptionally warm reception. Since then, however, the textbook controversy has stirred up bad memories here of Japan's brutal occupation of China.

National newspapers in China have this week published horrifying photographs of Japanese massacres in the eastern city of Nanjing in 1937.

One shot showed a Japanese soldier wielding a saber to one hand and the head of a Chinese in the other. The newspapers also published documents with details of cemeteries where hundreds of bodies were piled.

The *Liberation Army Daily*, China's military newspaper, said the move to revise the

accounts of such incidents in Japanese textbooks "is not an insignificant matter but represents an important signal of the few people attempting to revive militarism."

The *Liberation Army Daily* is not available to foreigners here, but the New China News Agency carried an editorial from the newspaper rejecting charges that China's protests on the textbook matter constituted interference in Japan's internal affairs.

"As to the protest voiced by the Chinese government and people, it certainly is their inalienable sacred right to do so as a nation once directly subject to Japanese aggression," the editorial said.

"Certainly China and Japan, and their people, want to be friends and to be friends from generation to generation, because this is in the interest to the two peoples and represents an irresistible historical trend," the daily continued.

"But to achieve this aim, the people of the two countries must make joint efforts and deal firm and powerful blows to those elements who are striving to revive militarism."

Crisis remains over arms for Taipei -- Huang

PEKING, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua said a solution has not yet been found to settle the Sino-American dispute over Nationalist China (Taiwan).

His statement Monday implied that Peking was not given a definite answer to the United States after being informed that Washington was continuing arms supplies to Taipei.

Huang told AFP that "the crisis period is not over" between the United States and China, which has threatened to downgrade diplomatic relations with Washington if U.S. arms supplies to Taipei continue.

Last week, the U.S. State Department announced that Washington had informed Peking of its intention to continue military aid to Taiwan, an island ruled by the Kuomintang Nationalists over which China claims sovereignty.

The foreign minister refused to confirm receipt of any such message or to comment on reports from Washington that the United States had tacitly informed China that arms sales could not continue indefinitely.

He said "those are items of the agenda of the Sino-U.S. negotiations", adding that the thorny talks, started late last year, were still under way. "It will be premature for me to predict the development of Sino-U.S. relations. The crisis period is not yet over", Huang said.

Pakistan processing uranium, Indian says

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Indian Defense Minister R. Venkatarama said Tuesday he had evidence that Pakistan was going ahead with the processing of uranium which could be used to make nuclear weapons.

Replying to questions in parliament, the minister said however that he could not confirm or deny reports that Pakistan was about to explode a nuclear bomb. "I cannot say so the authority of the government that Pakistan is going to explode an atomic bomb," he said.

The minister said a video recording shown in March to the consultative committee members of parliament attached to his ministry revealed that Pakistan was going ahead with the processing of uranium which could be used not only for peaceful purposes but also for weapons.

He did not however disclose how the video recording was obtained. He told the house that the question of discussions on the reduction of weapons between India and Pakistan would have to follow an agreement on the proposed no-war pact.

Colombo eases curfew

COLOMBO, Aug. 3 (R) — The Sri Lankan authorities Tuesday further relaxed the curfew in the troubled southern city of Galle, scene of clashes between Sinhalese and Muslims last week.

Police said shops in Galle, 120 kilometers south of Colombo, opened for normal business and people moved about freely on the streets. But more than 1,000 security personnel were still patrolling the city to quell any possible outbreak of violence.

Two persons were killed and more than 100 injured in fighting between the two communities last week after a minor quarrel between a landlord and tenant.

The government promptly imposed a night curfew on the city and declared a national emergency to prevent violence spreading to other parts of the country.

Venice prays for storm

VENICE, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Tens of thousands of tourists and the inhabitants of this picturesque lagoon city were Tuesday praying for a violent rainstorm to drive away the worst "invasion" of mosquitoes seen here in 50 years.

Normal insecticides and sprays are useless against the hordes of insects. A long period of drought followed by heavy rain is responsible for the mosquitoes breeding by the billions, experts said.

Paper wants Polish unions eliminated

WARSAW, Aug. 3 (R) — Poland's Communist Party newspaper Tuesday dismissed attempts to set up a resistance movement against the military government as dreams and came out in favor of scrapping suspended trade unions including Solidarity.

The commentary in *Trybuna Ludu* was the first official statement of the authorities' stand toward Solidarity and the opposition movement since underground leaders opened a new campaign of resistance at the weekend.

"The Solidarity extremist forces attempt to continue their hostile actions" the commentary said. Their activities were alien to the interests of the working class and proved the Solidarity leaders were hostile to socialism. The paper said extremists, backed up by Western broadcasting stations transmitting in Polish, "outlined plans for confrontation."

"Although these are but dreams, this type of action continues to create situations endangering social calm," it added. Veteran Communist commentator Jerzy Kraszewski said in the paper that he favored declaring the trade union movement structure after August 1980 — when the principle of independent, self-governing unions was conceded — a closed chapter.

He proposed setting up "a completely new Socialist trade union movement, starting from individual factories in the first phase." Since the military takeover last December, when all union activity was suspended, the authorities have pursued a debate on the future of unions in the media.

Kraszewski said that apart from the idea he favored, two other concepts had emerged: To restore the union movement as it was before December, changing Solidarity's statutes to eliminate from it anti-Socialist and counter-revolutionary elements, and to put off the restoration of union activity "until the situation has fully stabilized in the country." But he implicitly rejected both.

Kraszewski poured scorn on opposition "attempts to instigate and provoke conflict, calls for street rallies and efforts to stage them in May and June, and attempts to set up so-called underground structures."

He said these and recent slogans calling for a general strike and "the final settlement of accounts with the Reds" showed that opposition groups had neither learned nor understood anything.

In statements circulating in Warsaw at the weekend, prominent underground union leaders called for the establishment of a broad-based resistance movement throughout the country and for fresh demonstrations in the last two weeks of August.

The aim of the resistance movement would be to force the removal of martial law, the release of several thousand people detained under its provisions and the restoration of the independent trade unions.

Salvador parties to sign government policy draft

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 3 (AP) — Leaders of three major political parties and the interim president are to sign a document drawing out general lines for the "government of national unity" currently in power in El Salvador.

Presidential spokesman Alfonso Salazar said late Monday the document — called the "Pact of Apameca" after the name of President Alvaro Magana's summer home where it was originally drawn up — "plans out a strategy to strengthen and give more cohesiveness to the government of national unity," so called because it includes four rightist parties and the moderate Christian Democratic Party.

Salazar said representatives of the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance, the rightist party of National Reconciliation and the moderate Christian Democratic parties would sign the pact along with Magana. The names of the officials who would sign the pact were not immediately known, he said. It was to be signed in Apameca Tuesday morning, some 81.6 kilometers west of San Salvador. The pact of Apameca was first announced July 20 by President Magana.

In a July 27 speech, Magana said the agreement would involve a "minimum platform" of agreement on criteria concerning reforms, human rights and battling

insurgents. He said the pact involved the "consolidation and perfecting of the agrarian reform," a declaration referring to cutting human rights abuses, a joint statement on commitment to defeating leftist rebels, and dates for general elections in El Salvador.

Salazar said that as far as he knew the agreement did not contain an exact date for the holding of elections, but simply set guidelines for how and when the elections would be held. The four-month old government of El Salvador has been ripped by deep divisions, especially among the Nationalist Republicans, the National Conciliation Party and the Christian Democrats, all three of which control ministries in the government elected March 23.

Christian Democrats have charged the other parties with sabotaging reforms instituted by a civilian-military junta headed by the Christian Democrats since January, 1980. The far-right has accused the Christian Democrats of maintaining an alliance with the U.S. Embassy to hold the country in economic blackmail unless the Christian Democrats remain in the government.

They argue that the plurality of votes won by the right in March elections gave them the right to control all government posts. The Christian Democrats won only 40 percent of the popular vote.

Brazil getting ready for poll

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 3 (AP) — Brazilians are getting ready for their most wide-ranging elections in more than 20 years, under a promise by the military government to move toward civilian rule. But economic troubles and recent political backtracking cloud the picture.

On Nov. 15 more than 52 million registered voters will have the opportunity to pick mayors, city councilmen, state legislators, governors, federal congressmen and one-third of the Senate. The government-backed party and four opposition groups — which include leftists but not Communists — are competing.

President Joao Figueiredo, a retired general who currently heads the military regime that seized power in 1964, has promised a "political opening" and affirms that the elections "will be held."

But many Brazilians are asking whether he can keep the promise, with the economy in recession, inflation approaching 100 percent and a foreign debt the equivalent of more than \$60 billion.

Opposition groups are calling for the resignation of Planning Minister Antonio Delfino Netto, who is responsible for overall financial policies. Figueiredo says he will keep him on.

Figueiredo sent several bills to Congress in Brasilia, currently controlled by the government's Social Democratic Party, to change

election rules. Opposition politicians say the changes, which all passed, are to keep the Social Democrats from losing control of Congress, state houses and state legislatures. Opposition leaders claim the people, pressed by economic hardship, would normally vote against the government.

Janio Quadros was the last civilian to be directly elected as president and resigned in August 1961, eight months after taking office. Now he is a candidate for governor of Sao Paulo, the nation's richest and most populous state. He is a candidate of the opposition Brazilian Labor Party ticket and calls Figueiredo's liberalization "a farce."

Labor leader and controversial strike organizer Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva, a workers' party candidate for the same office, says Brazilians who believe in the president are "fools."

Despite the critics Figueiredo, whose term runs from 1979-1985, has granted full amnesty to more than 5,000 leftist dissidents who had gone into hiding or fled the country. He then allowed them to participate in the current political campaign with virtually no restrictions. Figueiredo also eliminated press censorship.

But certain recent events, principally the election-rule change that forbids ticket splitting — and thus appears to favor the Social Democrats over the newly formed opposition parties — have caused skeptics to question Figueiredo's true intentions.

Seoul lodges protest

SEOUL, Aug. 3 (AFP) — South Korea Tuesday lodged a formal protest with Japan on the controversial rewriting of Japanese history textbook references to Japan's colonialization of Korea.

Foreign Minister Lee Bum-Suk summoned Japanese Ambassador Toshikatsu Maeda to deliver a formal letter of protest which demanded that the Japanese government correct the distorted facts. The letter is said to have expressed fears

that relations between the two countries could be severely damaged if corrections were not made immediately. The South Korean protest came after strong criticism from the local press that the Seoul government not taking a tough enough stand over the issue.

The National Assembly also scheduled to convene its culture-education subcommittee Thursday to grill the government on the issue.

Progress on Namibia denied

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP) — Hidipo Hamutenya, information director for the Southwest Africa People's Organization, said Tuesday that despite reports to the contrary, there is no "tangible evidence" of progress in recent talks on the independence of Southwest Africa, or Namibia.

At a news conference, Hamutenya accused the five Western nations making up the Namibian "contact group" of being "less than honest in trying to create a false sense of momentum regarding the negotiations" which have taken place during the past two months.

The nations leading the United Nations-sponsored talks are the United States, France, West Germany, Canada and Britain. Hamutenya said the United States is "busy conniving with the Pretoria racists in an effort to delay Namibia's independence" from South Africa.

Soldier runs amok with NATO tank

BIELEFELD, West Germany, Aug. 3 (AP) — A 21-year-old British soldier stole an eight-ton armored vehicle from his barracks and drove it about 16 kilometers from his barracks before being arrested for rash driving, a British Army spokesman said Tuesday.

The incident, the third time a NATO soldier has run amok with an armored vehicle in West Germany in the last month, came just one day after two British soldiers were killed when they drove a stolen 15-ton armored personnel carrier from their barracks on to a railway line and crashed head on into an express train, injuring 23 persons.

The British Army faces a probable bill of more than two million marks (\$800,000) for damages caused to railway stock and lines in the crash.


The fresh incident occurred late Monday

night, according to German police and the British Army.

Andrew Clements, a trooper stationed with the First Royal Tank Regiment in Herford, took an eight-ton Scimitar armored reconnaissance vehicle from his base at Harewood barracks, the army spokesman said.

Clements "drove through the fence of the barracks and into the town," the spokesman said. West German police spotted the vehicle and followed it as it then took off for Bielefeld, 16 kilometers to the southwest.

There, police cornered the tank and sent it into a dead end street. Clements was tested for alcohol and the test was positive, the army spokesman said. Clements was later handed over to British military police, the spokesman said.



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Athens	23	73	34	93	clear	Mexico City	13	55	23	73	clear
Bahrain	31	88	37	99	clear	Miami	27	81	33	91	cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	33	92	clear	Montreal	13	55	18	64	rain
Beirut	24	75	33	91	clear	Moscow	16	61	27	81	clear
Berlin	17	63	28	82	clear	New Delhi	26	79	33	92	cloudy
Brussels	14	57	25	77	cloudy	New York	21	70	30	86	cloudy
Buenos Aires	6	42	14	57	cloudy	Nicosia	22	72	35	95	clear
Cairo	20	68	35	95	clear	Oslo	19	66	33	91	clear
Caracas	18	62	28	82	cloudy	Paris	17	63	21	70	clear
Chicago	21	60	28	82	clear	Peking	26	79	30	86	rain
Copenhagen	18	64	26	79	clear	Perth	15	59	17	63	clear
Dublin	13	55	18	64	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	13	55	32	89	clear
Frankfurt	19	66	30	86	clear	Rome	17	63	35	95	clear
Geneva	13	55	24	75	cloudy	San Francisco	11	51	19	65	clear
Helsinki	17	63	26	79	clear	Seoul	22	72	29	84	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	77	27	81	cloudy	Singapore	30	86	33	91	cloudy
Honolulu	25	76	32	89	cloudy	Stockholm	14	57	28	82	clear
Jakarta	23	73	33	91	clear	Sydney	7	44	23	72	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Taipei	25	77	34	93	rain
Lima	14	57	19	66	cloudy	Tel Aviv	25	77	26	79	rain
London	17	63	28	82	cloudy	Toronto	17	63	22	72	rain
Los Angeles	20	68	26	79	cloudy	Vancouver	13	55	18	64	rain
Madrid	24	75	26	79	clear	Vienna	16	61	26	79	cloudy

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